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Teusday, 3d January.—On Satturday last Whitney, the famous highwayman, was taken without Bishopsgate: he was discovered by one Hill as he walkt the street, who observed where he housed, then, calling some assistance, he went to the door; but Whitney defended himselfe for an hour, but the people encreasing, and the officers of Newgate being sent for, he surrendred himselfe, but had before stabb'd the said Hill with a bagonet, but not mortall; he was cuff'd and shackled with irons, and committed to Newgate; and on Sunday 2 more of his gang were also seized, and committed; one kept a livery stable in Moor feilds.

The same day a Jacobite meeting was discovered in Johnsons court in Fleetstreet, where about 100 persons mett; their names were taken, with their minister Dr. Bryan.

The same morning also 7 persons at 5 in the morning broke into the lady Rereby's house in Gerard street and bound her with 2 daughters, the maids, with 2 footmen, and then rifled the house in plate, money, and jewells to the value of 800*l.*

On Sunday divers of the nobility and gentry went to Kensington to wish their majesties a happy new year.

The prince and princesse of Denmark goe constantly now to St. James's church with little attendance.

Capt. Blood, an officer in coll. Fowkes regiment, and son to

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him that stole the crowne, is seized at Portsmouth, and accused by the boy to be one of those that robbed the mail going thither.

Yesterday the corpse of alderman Sturt and his lady were drawn thro' the citty in 2 herses in order to be interred in the country; the latter dyed about a year since, and was taken up again to be buryed with her husband in a new tomb in Hampshire.

Yesterday the house of lords had a long debate about receiving the bill for the duke of Norfolks divorce, and rejected it by 6 voices.

The Loyalty of Barbadoes is cast away in Stokes bay; and the George from Jamaica sunk in the late storm near Sandwich; and the ship Prophet Samuell, richly laden from the West Indies, sunk at the buoy in the Nore.

Dr. Owen Wynne is made secretary of the prize office.

Said the late king James, when he went hence, lodged in the house of a Florentine merchant here in gold and jewells 200,000*l.* value, which he desires may be remitted to France.

On Sunday night last 3 hectors came out of a tavern in Holborn, with their swords drawn, and began to break windows, &c., which a watchman observing, desired them to desist; but one of them stept up to him and run him thro', and left his sword sticking in the body; and another kill'd the watchmans dogg, so run for it; but however said their names are known, and they abscond.

Sir John Marsham died on Satturday last, and left his son an estate of 4000*l.* per ann., and 30,000*l.* in money.

On Sunday last an highwayman was taken in St. Martins church.

Advice from divers sea port towns say severall ships were driven by the late storms from their anchors, but no losse of any shipping.

A discourse this day (said to come from Ostend) that Furnes and Dixmude are both surrendred to the French, and that they have raised the seige of Rhinfelden, and retired, but not much creditted.

Yesterday 3 coaches were robb'd, coming from Epsom, of 200*l.*; the robbers told them they borrowed the money to maintain Whitney in prison.

The lords were this day in a long debate on the commons selfe denying bill, and threw it out by one voice.

To morrow a great councill at Kensington.

Mr. Bridgman hath kist the kings hands to be clark of the councill in Mr. Dives roome, deceased.

This day the Spanish ambassador received an express from Ostend that the French appearing before Huy was only a blind to draw our troops that way, while another body attackt Furnes and Dixmude, which our men quitted on the approach of the French, they not being tenable; and sayes further, that on the approach of the confederate army towards Rhinfelden the French raised the seige, and retired.

The electoresse of Bavaria is dead at Vienna; 'tis said we had in Furnes and Dixmuyde but 2 cannon, and 300 barrells of powder, with ball proportionable; the rest belonged to the Dutch.

Lord Danby and capt. Stringer fought a duell on Satturday; the latter wounded in the thigh.

Thursday, 5th Jan.—One Batsill, a young gentleman of the Temple, was committed to Newgate for wounding a captain at the Devill tavern in Fleetstreet on Satturday last.

Said our king will raise three new regiments of horse; one of gray, another of bay, and the 3d of black; and 4 more of foot.

A letter is come from Pill, near Bristoll, to sir Robert Southwell, giving an account of 27 French men of war, with some forces on board, came into St. Georges channell, where they were overtaken with a violent storm, and being not able to weather it, 6 of their ships were cast away, with 2600 men on board, and 5 more in distresse. Supposed they were intended for Kingsale.

Told also of another letter from Hamburgh, of 9 regiments of Swedes and Danes, 900 in each, being ready to embarque under the convoy of 30 men of war, designed for France; but both these letters want creditt.

On the 9th instant, a 3d rate man of war, of 80 guns, will be lanched at Hull; and another, the end of this month, at Southampton, of the like bignesse; and that there are now building in the severall docks 22 men of warr, 13 of which will goe to sea in summer.

A gentlemans house by St. James park was attempted to be robbed lately; one of them was taken, who confest the gang to be 22.

The duke of Norfolk designs to travell into Spain and Italy.

Lords threw out Norfolks bill, because he had not proceeded in the spirituall court for a divorce first there, as done in all former cases.

Mr. Bridgman is made clerk of the councill; and Mr. Jennings secretary to the commissioners of the prize office.

2 of his majesties men of war mett off Dunkirk 4 Swedes ships with contraband goods for France, and brought them into Yarmouth on the 2d.

Yesterday was entred in the custome house 6 ships for the East Indies for the ensuing year.

A French man of war has again releived the Basse in Scotland, and in her return took severall coasters.

Yesterday colonell Sackvill departed this life, member of parliament for East Greensted in Sussex.

Earle of Essex continues ill of a feaver.

An Ostender has taken a French prize; the men whereof say, 30 French men of war were sailed for the Irish seas.

This morning 2 Irish mails, and from Kingsale, said, there a French invasion was designed, but they were pretty well provided, 2 regiments being quartered there, and as many at Cork; that a privateer of 30 guns was cast away on their coasts, and that 3 or 4 more were taken there, and brought in; and that the Mary, a rich interloper from the East Indies, was ready to sail with other ships under a convoy for the Thames.

Reported 2 squadrons are ordered to sail; one of 24 men of war to the Mediterranean, and another of 12 or 14 to the French coast.

Lords of the admiralty have sent orders to the officers of the victualling to victuall for 2 months, from the 1st February, all the 3d, 4th, and 5th rate men of war, which will be ready to sail by that time; 34 of them are to lye in Conquett road before Brest, and to visit the French coast for intelligence.

Turky merchants have advice that one of their ships of 32 guns fought a French privateer of 35 guns and beat her off;

but being attackt, the next day, and their commander wounded, she was forced to surrender to the French.

Nothing is come to the secretaries office of the quitting of Furnes and Dixmuyde, yet it is beleived at court in the Spanish ambassadors advice thereof.

3 mails are now due.

Their lordships went this day thro' the bill of indemnity, and ordered it to be engrost, and soe adjourned to Satturday.

Satturday, 7th Jan.—On Teusday last the king dined privately at the earle of Bedfords, where were present the dukes of Ormond and Somerset, the earles of Devonshire and Sunderland and Portland, lord Godolphin, and others.

A man of war of 70 guns will be launched next springtide at Deptford.

Capt. St. Loe is made one of the commissioners of the prize office.

Circular letters will be sent to all the counties of England for the justices of peace to tender the oathes to all disaffected persons and papists, and those that refuse are to give security for their good behaviour.

Yesterday the king hunted on Putney heath; and was present at a great ball at Kensington, where at night he plaid off 200 guineas, according to custome.

Our merchants have an account from Jamaica that there has been a mortality there since the late earthquake.

The squadron of 24 men of war at Blackstakes are now taking in their guns in order to sail for the Mediterranean.

Strongly reported yesterday that Whitney had made his escape out of Newgate, but he continues closely confined there, and has 40 pound weight of irons on his leggs; he had his taylor make him a rich embroidered suit, with perug and hatt, worth 100*l.*; but the keeper refused to let him wear them, because they would disguise him from being known.

This morning 3 foreign mails came in, all that are due: from Coblentz, that the beseigers before Rhinfelden having notice of the approach of the Hessian troops, they thought good to retire, leaving behind them 2 peices of cannon and a mortar, with baggage and ammunition; the landgraves vanguard pursued their rear, only cutt off 30, and took 66 prisoners: the French lost before it during the 16 dayes seige about 3000

men, and had 1000 sick and wounded, which they sent to their neighbouring garisons: the beseiged lost about 5 or 600 men.

From Holland, that Furnes, after severall dayes seige, surrendred to the French on articles, the garison being conducted to Newport: we have no account of the surrender of Dixmuyde, but they rather had their eye upon Newport.

On Wednesday last colonell Browne and Mr. White, clerks of the stores in the Tower, muster'd on Blackheath the gunners, pioneers, and matrosses; and such as were not willing to serve next summer were discharged.

All the officers belonging to the forces in Ireland are ordered forthwith to repair to their respective commands.

Our merchants have an account from Leghorn that the Berkley Castle, a rich ship, is safely arrived there; but that it was a Danish ship that foundred at sea, worth 24,000*l.*, and not the Berkley Castle: and they have an account from Alexandria, that a large ship, riding in that road, with Danish colours, but bound for London, unhappily blew up, and all her cargo lost, valued at 400,000 peices of eight.

The earle of Oxford will quitt his regiment because of his great age, and accept of a pention, and the duke of Northumberland will have it.

The house of lords past the indemnity bill, and sent it to the commons this day; then they read and committed the bill about the province of York to dispose of their personal estates by will.

Sir Trevor Williams, barronet, is lately dead.

Some Flanders letters say the French are in possession of Furnes; and that Ginkle has put himselfe into Ostend, fearing they may attack that place.

Forreign letters this day confirm the Spanish ambassadors expresse of the death of the electresse of Bavaria; and the raising the seige of Rhinfelden, with these particulars, that the garison was twice releived with fresh men, ammunition, and provisions; and the confederate forces being advanced within 3 hours march of the French, who perceiving they must either draw off or come to a battle, stole away in the night under the stratagem of playing their cannon all that night to make the confederates beleive they were canonading the place, when in the morning they were fled some miles distant: 6000 Hessian

horse pursued and overtook their rear, killing some, and took some prisoners.

Letters add, that Furnes was surrendred on articles, and that we quitted and blew up Dixmude; that Boufflers attackt the fort that covered the sluyce of Newport, and that the towne was like to have been betrayed into the Frenche's hands; but the earle of Athlone had put himselfe into Ostend, and the elector of Bavaria had put himselfe into the other; and has wrote he designs to give the French battle before they goe off, having in order thereto promised a reward to the officers and soldiers that shall signalize themselves in fight.

The lord Pagett is arrived at Belgrade, where he was honourably received, and is gone thence to Adrianople.

Dublin letters of 29th say 2 proclamations were published; one, forbidding the Irish associating above 10 together, not to goe above 5 miles from their habitation; the other, requiring the lords lieutenants of the severall counties to muster the militia every month: and that the councill had made an order setting forth that the French had held private correspondence with severall disaffected persons in that kingdome in order to betray it to the French, and therefore required the lords lieutenants of the counties to secure all disaffected persons.

Teusday, 10th Jan.—On Sunday last 3 highwaymen of Whitneys gang, Edward Poor, John Setherston, and Nicholas Nealand, were seized near Chelsey colledge, and carried to Newgate by some soldiers: there were 2 more in company, but they made their escape; two are said to be tradesmen in the Strand, one a goldsmith, th'other a milliner.

Yesterday morning the West India fleet sett sail from the Isle of Weight with a convoy of 10 men of warr, and 2 fire ships, as also the Streights fleet and their convoy.

This week the court goes into mourning for the electresse of Bavaria, and will continue 6 weeks in it.

A person was yesterday committed to the Gatehouse for counterfeiting halfe pence and farthings, and a woman for putting off counterfeit guineas.

Yesterday a hearing before the lords about the lord Banbury's peerage; and after some debate adjourned it over till Satturday, and ordered the heralds to attend with presidents and records of their office.

Divers officers are come from Edinburgh from divers parts of the kingdome with recruits for the army in Flanders, and the councill have ordered money and direction to transport them.

The king has ordered all his officers and servants to be in readinesse to attend him for Flanders by the 10th of February next.

Flanders letters say the French came with a body before Newport, and threw in some bombs, and kill'd the lieutenant coll. of Argyles regiment, and then retired.

Sir John Morgan, coll. of a regiment and governour of Chester, is dead; as also sir Wm. Morley, 2 members of parliament.

Sir Joseph Tredenham has kist the kings hand for the place of surveyor generall of England.

The Lucy, a merchant ship, is arrived from Barbadoes, sayes that isle is in a good state of health; and during the sicknesse the blacks were conspiring to cutt of the whites, but were discovered.

Scotch letters say a French man of war had been cast away near Rosse, and another of 60 guns near Cork.

Paris letters say that king had ordered his household troops to be in readinesse to march towards Mons, and himselfe would quickly follow; that he has given orders for demolishing Furnesse and Dixmuyde; and that the French envoy at duke of Savoys court had presented a memoriall for a peace offering to restore all the townes his master had taken from him, with other advantageous offers to relinquish the confederacy, but to noe purpose.

This day a foreign mail sayes the French lost above 4000 men in the seige of Rhinfelden, among which were Mr. Tallard, an eminent officer, 25 captains, 43 lieutenants, and 9 engineers, and had buried 4 of their heaviest cannon in a wood; and that the garison of Coblentz had made divers sallies on them, took many prisoners, with store of plunder, the French retiring in great disorder, and were not able to carry off their baggage, provisions and sick men, left many of them in the highwayes in a lamentable condition.

The articles of Furnes capitulation are come over; the enemy since have attempted nothing, the waters being out, and the ground soft.

Duke of Richmond is married to the young lady Bellasis, widdow of the late lord Bellasis, and daughter to the lord Brudenell.

The French did not set downe before Newport, as reported; but one of their random shotts killed lieutenant coll. Jackson, of Argyles regiment, in Newport, and another officer of that garison.

The forreign mail brings little of moment.

Thursday, 12th Jan.—Yesterday some highwaymen stopt 5 waggons on St. Albans road, which they drove out of the way, and took out of one of them a pack, wherein was a summ of money, which they carried off.

John Lemot Honeywood esq. is chosen knight of the shire for Essex against sir Eliab Harvey, and carried it by voices 152.

From Plymouth the Canary fleet of 50 sail, under 3 men of war and a fire ship, are sailed by for the west.

From Portsmouth, sir John Ashby, with the blew flagg, was arrived in that harbour; and 15 Dutch ships are come to Spithead to join us.

Merchants have advice 2 French men of war have taken a Tripoline, richly laden, of 50 guns, wherein were 400 Turks and 50 Christian slaves; and another Tripoline, their vice admiral, was the next day taken by the Malta gallies.

Great quantities of stores for the navy, and other provisions, have been lately bought up; and there are issued weekly from the treasury and exchequer near 100,000*l.* per week.

The ambassadors of Denmark, Sweden, and Portugall, have presented his majestie with memorialls demanding restitution of divers ships taken here as prize, which are declared soe, as being freighted with naval stores and contraband goods for France.

Yesterday the lord Mohuns petition was presented to the house of lords, desiring to be bailed, and to be forthwith brought to his tryall for the murther of Mr. Mountford.

The French give out their fleet for next summer will consist of 24 first rate ships, the least above 90 guns; 20 2d rates, from 70 to 80 guns; 36 3d rates, from 50 to 60 guns; 3 fire ships, and 6 galliots for bombs; besides a squadron of 12 sail, now fitting out at Thoulon, to attempt something against the Spaniards.

Flanders letters say, 150 French horses were drowned by letting out the sluyces before Newport, which has laid the country under water.

From Denmark wrote, his majestie refuses to give audience to Mr. Alsfeild (envoy from France) because he is accused in being concerned in the conspiracy to kill the king in France.

From Coblentz wrote count Tallard, the French generall at the seige of Rhinfelden, is dead of his wounds.

Wrote from Paris, that the French kings statue, designed to be sett up in that citty, is cast in metall, 20 foot high, and weighs 80,000 pound.

From Scotland wrote, the parliament there are adjourned to the 10th of February; and that a French caper of 16 guns, and 100 men, was forced on shore there by stresse of weather, and all the men made prisoners.

Vienna letters speak of a truce with the Turks for 13 months only.

The Dutch Streights and West India fleets are arrived, and past by the back of the Goodwin sands to the number of 150 sail, and goe with ours with a strong convoy.

Lords this day had a bill before them touching annuall parliaments, and ordered to be read on Monday next; and read a cause between the king and one Ayres about lands.

Whitney offers to discover his accomplices, and those that give notice where and when money is conveyed on the roads in coaches and waggons, if he may have his pardon.

10 men is to be added to every troop of horse in England against next summer.

Count Horn might have had releife, if he had held Furnes out 4 or 5 dayes more; the troops that went to its releife are seperated, and gone into quarters.

Mr. Charles Bertie is preparing to goe envoy to the Danish court in the room of Mr. Moulsworth, lately come from thence.

Danish envoy here in his memoriall demands the restitution of at least 40 Danish vessells taken with contraband goods.

There are in Newgate near 20 highwaymen; and this day another was taken in Cheapside, and sent thither.

Mr. Mollineux is chosen a member for Newark in room of Mr. Sanderson deceased.

Lords were this day on the heads of advice, and debated the

danger to England if Newport or Ostend should fall into the hands of the French; and were for advising the king to desire the Spaniard to put them into our hands as cautionary townes, but came to no resolution therein.

The earle of Shrewsbury brought in a bill for an annuall parliament, which was read the 1st time, and ordered to be read on Monday again; and in case of failure, the lord chancellor, or commissioners of the great seal, are to issue out writts for calling the same.

Lord cheife justice Treby is married to Mrs. Brinley; her portion is 10,000*l.*

Satturday 14*th Jan.*—Yesterday the house of lords ordered the black rod to take the lord Mohun into custody, who was then walking in the antichamber, expecting an answer to his petition, and have sent him to the Tower.

Their lordships were also on the head of advice, and some of them were for advising the king to take Newport and Ostend into his hands, as cautionary towns in this juncture, being places of consequence, and proper to be under his majesties government, being the confederacy depends soe much on his majesties conduct and arms, but they came to noe resolution.

260 persons are summoned to Hicks hall on Monday next to take the oathes.

On Thursday night a hearing in councill about the Swedes and Danes ships, seized by our ships, having contraband goods and navall stores, but the owners alledged they were bound for Spain and Ireland, and some for England; but said they fired on our ships, and did us some damage; said to be referred to the lords of the admiralty.

The Soldadoes has brought into Dartmouth a small French privateer of 8 guns and 26 men, which came from Deep on Satturday last: captain Stocker of the Cloudesly gally died lately there of a calenture.

Portsmouth letters say, 220 sail, Dutch, Danes, Swedes, and Hamburghers, outward bound for the West Indies, Bilboa, and St. Tubes, sailed westward, under convoy of 10 men of war.

Captain Blood, lately committed to Winchester goal for robbing the mail, is since bailed on affidavit he was then in London.

Sessions begins at Old Baily on Monday: 10 notorious highwaymen will be then tryed.

This day a foreign mail, little news; from Paris wrote, provisions are dear and scarce in that kingdome; and the people very poor because of such excessive taxes; that the troops of the household are to be in readinesse at a dayes warning to march to Mons: they talk of beseiging Mentz, whither the French will come: from Flanders, that things are quiet there: from the Rhine, that the garison of Stratsburgh had marched out from Vienna, and seized on the principal inhabitants of a little village, and carried them away.

From Vienna, that the emperor intends his troops shall take the feild in March, and open the campagne with the seige of Temeswaer, if a truce be not concluded in the mean time.

This week a Romish preist was taken in the Tower, saying mass to the lord Clancarty.

Said lieutenant generall Talmach will command our English army next campagne as generall.

Lords of the admiralty have given orders to the officers of custome house not to clear any ship in the river bound for Virginia after this day.

The circles of Franconia and Swabia are (tis said) preparing a purse of 100,000 rix dollars to present prince Lewis with on his coming on the Rhine.

This day the lords past the land tax, and the king will passe it on Monday, with what other bills are ready.

A long debate in the house of lords yesterday about the old and new governours of Birmingham schooll, and gave it for the former against the new charter.

Lords putt of the lord Banbury's businesse till another day.

The corpse of sir John Morgan, late governour of Chester, was carried in a herse thro' the citty to goe into the country.

Letters from France say the French king is soe incensed at our seizing the Danish and Hamburgh ships going with naval stores to his country, that he has ordered all his sea officers to visit the ships of all nations, and if they find any English effects on board, or if they are bound to any of our 3 kingdomes, to bring them into port, where they are to be condemned as prize; which said orders are to be communicated to all his

ministers residing with the neutrall princes, to give them notice thereof.

This day a forreign mail, from Vienna of 7th, his imperial majestie has ordered a great summ of money to the commissaries to buy up provisions for the army in Hungary, being resolved to have an army of 50,000 men under the duke de Croy and generall Heusler; and 16,000, in another body, under generall Veterani, besides the Rascians and Croats: tis said the campagne will be opened with the seige of Temeswaer, if a truce be not concluded in the mean time.

Plymouth, 10th, yesterday past by here to the westward sir Francis Wheeler with the West India fleet under his command.

All the officers here belonging to Flanders, and the forces there and in Ireland, have orders to goe to their commands in 3 weeks.

East India company have letters from India of an account of the arrival of 2 of their ships on that coast, and that others are sailed for England, which has raised their auctions.

A committee of the lords have reported they find but one president of a peer tryed at the barr of the house for murther, and therefore 'tis beleived the lords will leave the lord Mohun to be tryed by a high steward in Westminster Hall.

The lords were all this day on the matter of the lord Banbury, but have not finished it.

A person lately come from France has made oath that the French are going to ship men in Normandy; and that there is a 2d declaration of king James printed.

The king has referred the Hamburgh man of war that was taken convoying the Danish ships with contraband goods to France, to the admiralty, to be condemned, in regard they first fired on our men of warr and privateers, and refused to show their coquetts.

Teusday, 17 *Jan.*—A ship arrived at Milford Haven from Barbadoes brings that a great conspiracy had been discovered there, in which all the negroes of the island were engaged to destroy the English, and take on them the government of the island; it was accidentally discovered by some discourse overheard between 2 negroes about who should be their governour, one of which confessing, great numbers were seized, and about 60 were executed for the same.

One Wilson has proposed to his majestie to make a vestment to defend any soldier from a halbert, pike, sword, or baggonet, which will not be heavy or costly; the earle of Galloway and other officers are to approve of it.

Yesterday a detachment of foot guards marched hence to embarque for Flanders.

Portsmouth, 15th, the Spy fireship was yesterday burnt by accident in this harbour.

On Satturday, 4 French officers were seized as spyes, having formerly served under Boufflers, but on examination are found to be deserters from him to us.

One Wareham is seized and committed for saying king James would be here in few dayes; some of his 2d declarations are privately about towne, and 'tis said they differ from the former, because it pardons all that noe wayes oppose him; and the French king will not exact his charge of this expedition.

Some letters give an account the French are embarqueing for a descent.

Private letters from Paris of the 10th say that king had an apoplectick fitt, but recovered; and that his equipage was gone for Flanders, where he intends to be speedily in person.

The French have demolished Furnes.

Yesterday the lords finished the land tax, and added a clause to appoint their own commissioners; and after, they went into a grand committee for an annuall parliament, and changed it into a triennial one, to have a new one chose every 3d year, and a sessions every year.

The lords have been all this day on the affair of the lord Banbury's peerage, and carried it by 11 that he was noe peer.

The lord Mohun is to be tryed this day 7 night by his peers in Westminster hall; the lord president is to be high steward on his tryall.

Yesterday sessions began at Old Baily; Whitney the highwayman has been tryed on 2 indictments, and acquitted; but there are 3 more still against him, on which he will yet be tryed.

Thursday, 19th Jan.—Yesterday sir John Trevors patent to be master of the rolls passed the seals.

11 Danish ships going into Dunkirk were taken by our

ships, with provisions and ammunition, which will occasion the French to be 6 weeks backwarder in their preparations.

Yesterday the lords ordered the bill for a triennial parliament to be engrossed.

Earle of Galloway goes in few dayes for Ireland to command in cheife there.

800 of the Scotch recruits are shipt away for Flanders.

The duke of Ormond took a view yesterday of his troop, and ordered all that had bay or grey horses to change them for black, intending to have all of that colour.

French letters say, French king invited king James to dinner on new years day, and made him a present of 4 rich coaches and horses; and ordered all his rooms at Versailles and St. Germains to be new hung with rich tapestry hangings.

Mr. Young, who kill'd Mr. Graham in the Temple, has surrendred himselfe: and capt. Hill (who kill'd Mr. Mountford) is taken in the Isle of Wight.

One Laffant, a Frenchman, recommended to his majestie, is taken up by a messenger, said to be a spy.

A draught will be made out of the forces here to recruit the regiments in Flanders; and all the officers are ordered over in 12 dayes.

4 regiments of foot are forthwith to be raised in Ireland, one in each province.

A scandalous pamphlet is published about the princesse of Denmark, after which strict search is made.

Some French prisoners taken in a prize say that at Brest one of the kings ships (in the late storm) of 56 guns was staved in peices, and 26 merchant ships drove on shoare.

The French, 'tis said, have 11,000 sick in their armies.

The Suedish ambassador has delivered another memoriall to the States, demanding a restitution of severall ships carried into Zealand, and used threatening therein.

A party of English sent out by earle of Athlone to make an incursion into the French territory's, mett with a party of French conducting some waggons for Mons, whom they attackt, killing 100, took 20 prisoners, with 6 waggons laden with provisions and ammunition.

Capt. Killigrew, cruizing northward, retook 2 Danish ships from the French, which they had taken coming for England.

Mr. Merryweather is condemned for having king James declaration for high treason.

This day a person in a leather apron rushed into the house of commons, and was making up to the chair, but the serjeant stopt him, and took him away.

The lords have quitted their clause added to the money bill.

2 regiments of dragoons are to be raised in England and 2 regiments in Scotland.

A vindication of the princess of Denmark is printed, in which are severall reflections bordering on treason: search is made after the author and printer.

The duke of Norfolk has brought an action of scandalum magnatum against Canning the printer of the book giving an account of the proceedings in that case in the lords house; and intends to take out a writt to seize the dutchesse, and keep her from all company.

This morning the Naiborough privateer sailed out of the river, carrying 46 guns and 24 oares, to cruise on the French coast.

This night the sessions ended at Old Baily, where 8 highwaymen received sentence of death, Whitney, Grosse, Fetherstone, Nealand, Poor, Holland, and 2 more.

Mrs. Ann Merryweather was condemned to be burnt for printing king James declaration and other treasonable pamphletts last summer: 5 other criminalls were condemned; Callow and Stafford: 2 highwaymen were acquitted, but will with others be sent into the countries to be tried for robberies committed there.

Yesterday the lords read a bill brought in by the earl of Devonshire for securing their majesties persons and government; in which is an oath, a sort of abjuration of king James: read it the 1st time, and ordered it a 2d reading, when all the lords are summoned to give their attendance.

The lords read the bill for a trienniall parliament a 2d time yesterday, and ordered it to be engrost.

The lords sat late debating the commons reasons for disagreeing to the lords amendments, and at last resolved to wave their clause, Salvo jure, &c.

Satturday, 21st Jan.—Admirall Killigrew is sent for up in order to attend the king, as believ'd, about some preferment.

Yesterday lord bishop of Landaff exhibited articles in the court of arches against Dr. Jones, chancellor of the said diocesse, for uncanonicall practices and misdemeanours committed by him.

The Garland frigat is come into the Downs from Norway, and has given the lords of the admiralty an account that 150 Danes and Swedes were lading with naval stores in that kingdome for France; on which the Chattham and Lark, and other men of war, are ordered to cruize between Dunkirk and Calais to intercept them.

20 Turky merchant ships outward bound are fallen into the Downs, and the East India ships having on board them soldiers, factors, and servants &c. going thither, notwithstanding the new act.

Capt. Nevill is sent for to command the Streights squadron as commodore, and not admirall Rook.

From Dartmouth, that captain Smith was chased in there by a French privateer of 20 guns: he sayes the French have orders to take all Portugall ships bound to London.

Last Wednesday the lords agreed to an addresse to his majestie that he will be graciously pleased to call up by writt Mr. atturny generall to be an assistant to their lordships in their house.

46 men of war are ready at Blackstakes to goe to sea on any occasion; and the seamen flock in daily to return on board the capital ships, being most of them in halfe pay, to the 20th instant, according to the kings proclamation.

The Narborough privateer has 3 months provisions on board.

The king dined yesterday at Grafton house with the earle of Devonshire.

The lords yesterday ordered Bohun into custody for licenceing King William and Queen Mary Conquerors.

Tallyes are struck in the exchequer for 300,000*l.* for payment of the fleet at their rendevouze at the buoy in the Nore.

Said earle of Pembroke, admirall Killigrew, and sir Cloudesly Shovell, will command the fleet next summer, as commissioners, in room of admirall Russell.

Grand jury of London at the sessions presented divers coffee houses for harbouring disaffected persons to the government; and presented the policy officers about wagers.

Edinburgh, 14th, Nevil Pain, prisoner in Blacknesse castle, having bribed the officer, was making his escape, but prevented, and thereon both of them were committed to the dungeon.

A Dutch caper in the mouth of the Frith hath taken a French vessell going with provisions to the Basse.

Lord Cornwallis, one of the lords of the admiralty, hath laid down his commission.

Expected in a day or two who will command our fleet this summer; said Russell declines.

Grand jury of London at Old Baily presented the 4 policy officers, where they say king James will be back again, and the French master of all Flanders this year.

Teusday, 24th Jan.—Three highwaymen are committed to Salisbury goal for robbing severall maulsters near the Devizes.

On Satturday last one Mr. Lamb, a goldsmith in Lombard street, was sett on by 3 highwaymen going in his coach to his country house near Acton in Middlesex: one came close up and fired a pistoll at him, which wounded him in the hand; on which he discharged a pistoll, and shot one dead: another shot into the coach, but the bullet grazed on his watch, and spoilt that: Mr. Lamb then fired a 2d pistoll, and wounded another: then company coming in, they made off, and left the dead man behind on Blackheath.

The lady Dartmouths house on Sunday morning last, near Greenwich, was robb'd by 4 persons, and the value of 2000*l.* taken away in money, plate, and jewells.

Admirall Russell having declined going to sea next summer if he must receive orders thro' lord Nottinghams hands, the privy councill on Sunday last nominated Killigrew, Delaval, and Shovell to command the fleet in his stead, and are all to goe on board the Britannia; and 4 new flagg officers are also named, earle of Danby, lord Berkley, capt. Mitchill, and capt. Churchill, or capt. Mason.

Wrote from Dublin, that an order of councill is sent to the severall sheriffs of counties, governours of townes, &c. to discharge all papists lately taken up, the gentlemen of estates, and chiefe officers in the late king's army, on sufficient security; that all secular preists be likewise discharged, but the regular preists to be confined till they are banished the king-

dome: sir Richard Reeve, one of the barons of the exchequer there, lately died.

Lord Cornwallis of the admiralty has laid downe; and 'tis said sir Richard Onslow will doe the like.

A person come from Brest sayes there are 3 new three deck ships built since last year, and that they have great naval stores there.

Yesterday the lords read the bill for raising a million upon the fund; and were after on the book of King William and Queen Mary Conquerors; and examined Mr. Bohun; and went into a committee to consider of a method for the lord Mohuns tryall on 31st instant.

Some ships from the French coasts say, an embargo is laid on all their ships, which occasions a jealousie they are shipping men in Normandy, or that the French king hath had another apoplectick fit; and this day 'twas rumoured on the Exchange that he was very sick, or dead, but no forreign to that effect.

A proclamation is published in Scotland requiring all heretors and others to be in readinesse in 24 hours to attend the kings standard with horses, arms, and servants, according to their quality; and all officers of the standing army are required to repair to their respective commands.

This day the lord Banbury was brought to the kings bench barr, and pleaded his peerage; on which the judges committed him to the kings bench prison, and will consider of his plea.

100,000*l.* is already paid into the exchequer on the credit of the land tax.

This day the lords house ordered Mr. Bohun's book of King William and Queen Mary Conquerors, to be burnt.

Mrs. Merryweather, who is to be burnt to morrow for dispersing treasonable papers and pamphlets, has declared this afternoon she will discover her accomplices, and those that set her on work, provided she may have her pardon.

His majestie hath sent coll. Talbot, engineer generall of Ireland, to visit all the fortifications on the western coasts of England, particularly the cittadell of Plymouth, St. Nicholas Island, St. Mawes, Pendennis Castle, &c.; to bring an exact account of these places, in order, as beleiv'd, to add some new works.

Dutch factors continue to buy up great quantities of corn, which makes it bear a great rate here.

Satturday last a great councill at Kensington, where the lords of the admiralty attended, and the lord Cornwallis laid downe.

Coll. Kirby, member of parliament for Lancaster, is made governour of Chester.

Dead warrant is come to Newgate for the 8 highwaymen to be executed, and Mrs. Merryweather for treason.

The lords have past this vote, That the assertion of their majesties to be king and queen by conquest is highly injurious to them, and inconsistent with the principles on which this government is founded, and tends to the subversion of the rights of the people; and sent to the commons to desire a conference with them touching the same, and to communicate it to them, and desire their concurrence.

4 forreign mails are wanting.

Sessions at Old Baily began the 16th, and held the 17th, 18th, and 19th dayes, where severall notorious criminalls were tried; 11 were burnt in the hand, 9 ordered to be whipt, and 10 received sentence of death, six of which were notorious highwaymen, and one, Mrs. Merryweather, for high treason, sentenced to be burnt for dispersing king James declaration; 28 criminalls pleaded their majesties pardon, and some others were continued till next sessions.

Thursday, 26th Jan.—Yesterday the house of lords read the bill a 2d time for preservation of their majesties persons and government, with a new oath of abjuration.

The king has been pleased to pardon Dr. Shales, a nonjuring person in Newgate, and remitting his fine of 100 marks, on giving security for the good behaviour: the keeper of Newgate forgave him 5*l.* of his fees, and took but 20*s.*

Wrote from Plymouth, that coll. Lamotte, one of the kings engineers, took a view on 21st of the cittadell and St. Nicholas Island, in order to further fortifyeing the same, and went thence to Pendennis and St. Mawes to doe the like.

Wrote from Barbadoes, an English privateer of 14 guns fought a French privateer of 24; and after 4 hours fight boarded her, and fought above halfe an hour above deck, kill'd 40 of his men, then mastered him, and brought him into port.

From Portsmouth wrote, is come thither for a quarters pay to the dock; and the Royall Oak and Edgar are sailed to Spithead to join 24 English and Dutch men of warr there.

Last Satturday the lords of the admiralty and sir Christotopher Wren went to Greenwich to view the kings house there, to convert it into an hospitall for sick and wounded seamen, which is approved for that purpose.

Wednesday last 10 highwaymen robbed divers country men near Barnet, and used them barbarously; and the same morning 3 highwaymen sett on 3 coaches on Gads hill, and demanded a steel box out of one of them, but whilst busied about it, the coachman took an opportunity and knockt one of them on the head with the hatchett, and the passengers seized another; the other made his escape.

Last nigt a sudden fire in the Strand, over against the Maypole, which burnt one brick house, and spoiled 2 others; 7 other persons are missing, 3 are already found burnt among the rubbish: it began at a silk dyers, by the carelessnesse of a woman, as she was dying hoods with brimstone.

This day a court martiall at Whitehall, generall Talmash, president, and heard the complaint of coll. Hastings against him.

Scotch letters say that a Dutch privateer and a French privateer were forced into Aberdeen by contrary winds, and engaged: after a fight of 3 hours, the French, having lost his main mast, and 10 men killed, yeilded.

Yesterday, by order of lord mayor, a cartload of unlawfull nets used by fishermen in the river of Thames were burnt before Guildhall.

Duke of Glocester continues indisposed.

Mrs. Merryweather is reprieved for 10 days, but the rest dye to morrow.

Beleived some removalls will be at court before the king goes to Flanders.

Sir Ralph Delavall goes to the buoy in the Nore and other places to morrow, to hasten the payment of the ships, money being gone down for that end.

Hague letters say the French endeavoured to surprise Hagenfeld on the frontiers of Switzerland, but were repulsed with great losse.

Letters say, divers English and Dutch vessells are stopt at Dantzick and Gluckstadt, by way of reprisalls for their ships seized by England and Holland.

Discoursed a truce is concluded between the emperor and the Turks for 13 months, but other letters say the treaty is renewed between the French and them: time must show.

Forreign letters bring, besides what in the gazett, that the French king has made a new alliance with the Turk; that the pope declares his dislike at the promotion of the duke of Hanover to the 9th electorate; that the emperor has made a speech to the states of Austria, that there is no great prospect of a peace with the Turks, and thereon demands a considerable supply to carry on the warr; that the Holland Pacquet, missing these 3 weeks, and thought to be lost, was driven by stresse of weather to Berghen in Norway.

Capt. Sanders, commander of a man of warr taken some time since in the Streights, is newly arrived from France; and has given the lord Nottingham an account that the French have 22 great ships at Thoulon, which will be ready to join their great fleett at Brest the beginning of February, but could not learn any preparations they are making for a descent, but would not suffer him to enter St. Maloes, making him take shipping at a creek near thereto.

Our new admiralls goe down to morrow to Chattham and other parts to hasten our navall preparations.

Scotch letters say duke Hamilton is come to Edinburgh, and assisted in councill, and 'twas beleived would be made high commissioner at next meeting of the parliament.

Mr. Grevill, son to the lord Brook, is married to the lady Ann Bainton, widdow, and daughter to the late earle of Rochester.

Sir Francis Clinton took his seat this day in the house of peers as earle of Lincoln.

Satturday, 28th Jan.—Yesterday morning new admiralls went down to Chattham, thence to Sheernesse, to give orders about the fleet.

The pacquett boat that carried over some recruits is still missing, thought to be lost or cast away.

A commission is passing the seales constituting sir Roger Langley, Sir Edward Asceugh, Mr. Murray, and capt. St. Loe,

and another, commissioners of prizes, with a salary of 300*l.* per ann. each.

The Spanish pacquet boat was chased into Falmouth by a French privateer of 36 guns.

A sad account from Cornwall, by the way of Plymouth, to a family there: a husband man at plow, and his boy not driving to his mind, he threw his hatchet at his head, which cleft his scull; whereon the master took a halter from the horse, and hanged himselfe on the next tree; which being discovered, and his wife having notice of it, she laid a child she had in her lap upon the table, and ran to save her husband; but coming too late, she returned home and found her child fallen down and broke his neck, whereon she is gone distracted.

Sir John Cutler, tis said, will give 3000*l.* towards the new hospitall at Greenwich for seamen.

Yesterday 9 persons were carried to Tyburn, where 8 were executed, 7 hyghwaymen, and one for clipping: Whitney was brought back, having a repreive for 10 dayes, and was brought back to Newgate with a rope about his neck, a vast crowd of people following him.

Yesterday some highwaymen robb'd divers persons between Highgate and Barnet.

Merchant letters say a French man of war of 50 guns and a privateer of good force were cast away in Brest road.

Madrid letters say their armada are to join the English and Dutch squadron on the Mediterranean; and that a conspiracy was discovered to have betrayed Messina to the French: 40 of the conspirators are seized, and some are put to the torture to confesse all.

Paris letters say queen dowager is dead, and that court is going into mourning, but the publick letters say nothing of it: that the French king has put on mourning for the dutchesse of Bavaria; and that they have a train of artillery at Dunkirk ready for some action: that the French king will command in person in Flanders, and the dauphin on the Rhine.

Vienna letters say the sicknesse rages at Peter Waradin: say nothing of a truce; but that the preparations are carried on vigorously on both sides against next campagne.

Last night Whitney was carried in a sedan to Whitehall

and examined: 'tis said he discovers who hired the persons to rob the mailes so often.

Forreign letters mention commotions in Constantinople, and that 2 bassa's or aga's of the French faction were cutt off for opposing the truce with the emperor, and more threatened if not concluded.

An express this evening to court confirming the death of queen dowager.

Whitney, 'tis said, has been examined upon a design to kill the king.

Mr. Ansell, secretary to the lord Torrington, is made the same to these new admiralls, and goes with them.

The king has ordered the officers of the ordnance to get ready 2 large trains of artillery; and the well boats built last year are to be got ready against spring.

The Deptford and Portsmouth frigats brought into Portsmouth the 24, 2 French privateers on the Irish coast.

Yarmouth, 25th, sailed hence 25 ships laden with corn for Holland under the convoy of a man of warr.

Whitney, 'tis said, will be executed next week; others say his reprieve is grounded on the discovery of his accomplices, with their houses of reception, and way of living.

Mrs. Merryweather, condemned for treason in dispersing king James's declarations, and was to be burnt, has a reprieve.

This day the lords were taken up in adjusting the preliminaries for the lord Mohuns tryall on Tewsday next, and have appointed 8 ticketts to each lord to dispose among their freinds.

Teusday, 31st Jan.—Their majesties came to Whitehall yesterday, and heard the bishop of Bangor on 10 Hosea, vers. 3.

On Satturday his majestie conferred the honour of knighthood on Christopher Greenfeild esq., member for Preston in Lancashire.

Great pressing has been for some time past; severall tradesmen have been taken up, and have brought their habeas corpus, and discharged.

The York and Dover have brought into Plymouth 2 French privateers, one of 22 guns, and another of 18; and the Dover has taken a 3d, of 14 guns, and sent him to Scilly.

The Rupert is also arrived there with 2 retaken coasters, which a French privateer was sending to St. Maloes.

A new warrant is signed for the execution of Whitney in the Strand to morrow.

On Sunday night last one Charleton, a highwayman, was apprehended at Westminster; and this morning 2 more were taken in the citty, one said to be Whitneys comrade, to whom he gave his fine mare.

Orders are given for release of divers Swedes and Danish vessells, which have been detained for some time, and not adjudged prize.

The Lucas gally, capt. Fletcher commander, has brought into Portsmouth a French prize of 200 tuns, laden with salt; and the day before came up with a large French ship off La Hogue, and fought her 4 hours, and at last forced her on shore, but thought not fitt to board her, being full of men.

The Weymouth sloop hath brought in another French prize of 80 tuns, laden with salt, thither.

There are come to Spithead 14 English privateers, and with them 2 fly boats as prizes.

The Dutch, understanding we were going to raise the value of our money, by making a crown goe for *5s. 2d.*, which is *3l. 6s. 8d.* in the *100l.*, have resolved likewise to raise the value of theirs *10l. 10s.* in the 100, to prevent the exportation.

Last night another highwayman was taken near Westminster, on suspition of being one that made the attempt on Mr. Lamb.

A ship from Jamaica brings that the earth there had some tremblings again, which made them much afraid.

A duell was yesterday fought between one Mr. Chamberlain and Mr. Killigrew of the playhouse.

Paris letters say, 4 Danish ships, with naval stores, were arrived at Brest; that 2 more men of war were building at Dunkirk, one of 70 guns, the other of 50; and that they expected there a great fleet of Danes and Swedes with navall stores.

A dock, 'tis said, will be built at Falmouth for ship to ride in.

St. Jago, a Portugall ship of 150 tunn, laden with sugar, wine, and fruit, was the 26th staved to peices in Portland reach, and only 4 men saved.

A messenger is sent to Portsmouth to fetch up capt. Blood, a prisoner there, on some new discovery.

The French merchants here on their petition to his majestie have obtained leave to stay a month longer here.

This day Whitney wrote 4 letters, 1 to Caermarthen, 1 to Nottingham, 1 to Portland, and 1 to cheife justice Holt, but the successe not known.

This morning the lieutenant of the Tower carried his prisoner the lord Mohun to Westminster hall, where the king and many of the nobility and gentry of both sexes were present; the lord Caermarthen was lord high steward for the day: the prisoner was brought into court with the porter of the Tower carrying the axe before the prisoner, with the edge turned from him; then the high steward made a speech on the occasion, after which the witnesses were examined on both sides, and about 3 the high steward summoned up the witnesses; then the king withdrew, and went to Kensington: their lordships came not to any resolution, and had candles and debated it, and adjourned it further till to morrow: beleiv'd he will be acquitted.

Whitney on Friday last sent a letter to the lord Capell pretending to make great discoveries in severall points, especially one for assassinating the king as he hunted in Windsor forest, in order to which he and 11 others attended there when the king was hunting, immediately after his last coming from Flanders, but could not meet with an opportunity to execute the same, and that the design was still carried on: the lord Capell imediately carried the letter to the lord cheife justice Holt, then on the bench at Westminster, who presently sent a repreive; since which he has been examined, but demands a pardon before he'le make a discovery, so 'tis lookt on only a contrivance to gain time; whereon a warrant is signed for his execution to morrow at the Maypole in the Strand.

A bricklayer being prest by capt. Cook and carried to the Tower, some of his freinds brought a habeas corpus directed to the captain who had him in custody; which he not obeying, the lord cheife justice granted a speciall warrant ordering the sheriffs to assist his tipstaves, and if occasion to raise the poste, to take the captain; which will be a tryall of skill between the civill and military power.

Prov'd at lord Mohuns tryall that his lordship changed cloaths with capt. Hill; that they way laid him above an hour with their swords drawn; when Mountfort came his lordship embraced him, while Hill came up and gave him a box of the ear and run him thro' before his sword was drawn: the tryall lasted till 6 at night, when all was done except their lordships opinion guilty or not, which they have adjourned till to morrow to debate in their own house.

Thursday, 2 *February*.—Yesterday, being the 1st instant, capt. James Whitney, highwayman, was executed at Porters block, near Cow crosse in Smithfeild; he seemed to dye very penitent; was an hour and halfe in the cart before turn'd off.

Woolwar, a market towne in Cumberland, with the church, is burnt downe to the ground: above 200 houses were burnt.

Countesse of Pembroke brought to bed of a son on Sunday.

Coll. Kirby, a member of parliament, made governour of Chester.

One of the lady Dartmouths robbers is taken, and offers to confesse his confederates.

The Grafton sloop has brought into Portsmouth 4 French prizes of 200 tunn, which he took out of 30 sail going eastward, laden with tobacco.

Some of our privateers has taken other ..... French prizes, and brought them in.

4 Lords, who left the house on Teusday at the tryall of lord Mohun, and went out of court after summing up the evidence, before it was adjourned, were fined 100*l*. apeice, to be paid by Sunday next to the use of the poor at Westminster.

3 of the flag officers are to be capt. Mitchell, capt. Churchill, and capt. Aylmer.

Scotch letters say those of the Basse offer to capitulate, but have been told they must first send hostages, to which they have returned noe answer.

30 men of warr are ordered to convoy our Turky fleet, and if they meet with the Thoulon squadron are ordered to fight them.

3 persons taken up last night at a house in Salisbury court in Fleetstreet on suspition of being highwaymen, and sent to Newgate.

An account from France that the French kings jeweller and

the great banker of Paris is broke for 3 millions of livres; and that corn is sold there for 12 florins a bushell.

The admiralls are returned from the fleet; 'tis said they will be ready to sail the beginning of Aprill.

Lord Berkley is made vice admirall of the blew.

Teusday last an expresse sent to Turin with letters from president de la Tour and duke Schonbergh to the duke of Savoy with bills of exchange to pay the regiments of refugees that are in king of Englands service there.

Yesterday the lords proceeded on the adjourned debate of the lord Mohun, and it took up the whole day, and then they adjourned the further debate till Friday whether the judges should give their opinion in a point of law; carried in the affirmative.

The lord high steward is to have 1000*l.* for his part, and 500*l.* a day so long as the tryall lasts.

Irish letters say some dangerous papers have been seized there.

A Portuguez ship arrived at Milford Haven sayes he mett on the coast of Portugall 12 French men of warr and 11 privateers waiting for our Spain fleet.

On Munday will be a tryall of some Cassia guns to shoot granadoes in a straight line before his majestie in Hide park.

The judges are to attend at 11 to be asked some questions relating to lord Mohun, and he is to be brought down.

Satturday, 4th Feb.—5 of the house breakers that robbed the lady Dartmouth are taken, and on promise of pardon will discover all their accomplices and the whole gang about the citty.

Wednesday night 2 gentlemen crossing St. George's feilds by Southwark were set on by 2 foot pads, and robb'd of their watches, and 5*l.* in money, and then stripp'd them naked, and tyed them back to back, soe left them; 'tis said one of them is dead of the cold he took then.

Sir James Hayes, who married the countesse dowager of Falkland, died on Thursday last at Kensington.

Lord Strathnaver, son to the earle of Southerland, is to command one of the new raised Scotch regiments, and sir James Moncress the other.

Mrs. Merryweather, lying under a repreive, continues reserv'd in her confession, so will be executed in a few dayes.

9 merchants on the Exchange, great ensurers, are all withdrawn for considerable summs.

Kings equipage is getting ready; 'tis said he will embarque for Flanders the beginning of March.

A list is given to the cheife justice of the names of above 40 highwaymen that frequent the roads of England, with their haunts; and that divers horses have been seized in the out parts of the citty which are not yet claimed.

Thursday last another of them that assaulted Mr. Lamb is taken and committed to Newgate.

Severall factors from Bristoll to buy corn in order to transport it went to Worcester, which enhauncing the prize, occasioned a mutiny; the magistrates took 12 of them, and committed them to prison.

The Zant frigat, on which was ensured 40*l.* per cent., being richly laden, and thought to be lost, is arrived at Cales.

The 4 lords who were fined 100*l.* each for withdrawing before the tryall of the lord Mohun was adjourned, were excused from paying it.

The West India, bound for Maryland and Virginia, will sail in 6 or 7 dayes.

A prize is brought into Portsmouth, and is contested between an English privateer and a Flushinger; she struck first to the English, but the Dutchman being to the windward first boarded her; 'twill be decided by the admiralty.

Yesterday the lords debated the businesse of the lord Mohun, but came to noe resolution; they adjourned it to this day; and this evening they came into court, and declared their judgment one by one; 69 that the lord Mohun was not guilty, and 14 that he was guilty: then the lord steward called the prisoner to the bar, told him he had put himselfe into their hands to be tryed for the murther of Mr. Mountfort, and accordingly they had past their judgments for his acquittall by the majority of 55 voices; so he was clear'd: then the lord high steward broke his staffe, and dissolved the court, and went into the house of lords to proceed on business before them.

This day 3 Flanders mails, which say Newport had like to have been taken by the French by treachery, were within few

hours of accomplishing it, and that the duke of Holstein is clapt up thereon.

Coll. Cunningham, brother to sir Albert, is made coll. to the new regiment of dragoons raising in Ireland.

On Thursday last the king dined at the lord Capells nigh Richmond.

Yesterday the lords debated in their house till late, and came down into the hall and put severall cases to the judges upon the fact, and heard the prisoners councill to the same, but came to noe resolution thereon: this day they mett again and debated till 5 in their own house, and then came down and delivered their sentence severally one by one, beginning at the youngest, 64 to acquitt him, 14 to condemn him, viz. lords Capell, Clifford, Culpepper, Weymouth, Warrington, Monmouth, Portland, Rochester, Nottingham, Sandwich, Kingston, Westmorland, Bridgwater, and Oxford.

Mrs. Mountfort has brought her appeal.

Teusday, 7th Feb.—Mrs. Merryweather has a further repreive till 17th instant, when beleiv'd she may be pardon'd.

Yesterday the 3 new admiralls took the oathes at kings bench court.

Same day 10,000*l.* was brought into the exchequer on the new fund bill, and considerable summs more will be advanced, soe that it comes in pretty fast.

A merchant ship is arrived at Plymouth from Oporto, and mett the English fleet making thither; and that some French men had taken 2 Portuguez ships in their way home from Brazill, on notice whereof 2 of their men of war went out and mett with a French man of war and fought him till he sunk by their side; which 'tis beleived may occasion a rupture between them.

Said the Dutch are very forward in their preparations by sea and land.

Forreign letters say the French king is on his way to Mons; and that the French had made a range into the country of Wirtemburgh, and had destroyed divers villages, and return'd with a booty of near 200,000 livres.

The house of lords debated the absence of severall of their members at the lord Mohuns tryall; fined the lord Aylisbury 100*l.*

From Dover wrote, 100 sail of French ships are got into

Dunkirk, Callice, and Bullogne, with provisions for the French army and navall stores for the men of warr equipping there.

A councill of war in Flanders has adjudged the lieutenant coll. that caused a parley to be beat by 2 French drummers at Namur to be casheired, and to continue in prison till he payes the cost of the processe.

Letters from Vienna say, generall Heusler has proposed the forcing Gyula and Jena, and then to lay seige to Temeswaer with 15,000 men; that duke de Croy is to command the army in Hungary, and prince Lewis of Baden 60,000 men on the Rhine.

Count Teckely is gone to join the Tartar to force a passage into Transilvania.

This day was the tryall of Mr. Young at kings bench barr for forging of an association, and putting it on the bishop of Rochester, and counterfeiting his hand; after 3 hours tryall the jury found him guilty without stirring from the barr: he was remanded to kings bench prison.

Capt. Hill is said to be taken in Scotland about the murther of Mr. Mountfort.

One Corbet has obtained a patent for coyning new brasse or copper farthings for 4 years.

Privateers of Jersey or Guernsey have taken 7 French prizes, laden with wine, brandy, and salt, out of a fleet of 11 sail.

Lord Berkley is made vice admirall of the blew, and has taken the oathes therefore.

Capt. Aylmer and Mitchell are declared the two other admiralls.

A Dutch caper has brought into Foy a small French ship; and an Ostend privateer has brought into Cowes a French vessell of 40 tunn.

Committee of elections heard the election of Essex between sir Eliab Harvey and Mr. Honeywood, and voted it a void election.

House of lords read the Aulnage bill this day, heard a private cause, and debated the fine of 100*l.* on the lord Aylesbury for not attending the lord Mohuns tryall, and confirmed the same.

Thursday, 9th Feb.—Barbadoes merchants are petitioning to have 800 men raised here to goe for that island to serve as a

standing guard for the same, and the inhabitants will pay them; this to free from the dangers of the negroes, who are often plotting there.

10 great ships passed by on the back of Yarmouth sands, supposed to be Barts squadron convoying the 2 Franch ambassadors to Sweden and Denmark.

This morning 3 or 4 highwaymen were taken at Lambeth.

A Jersey privateer has brought into Yarmouth a French prize with wine and brandy.

From Deale wrote, the Sally, Rose, and Saldadoes frigats were return'd from cruizing with 10 small French vessells.

Coll. Cambon, that had a regiment of French refugees, was petitioned against by his inferiour officers for mismanagement, and stopping their pay, and the king hath discharged him.

Earle of Doncaster is preparing an equipage of 26 horse to attend the king in Flanders, whither divers others, lord Cornwallis's son, will goe as volunteers this next campagne.

Mr. Sambrook and 2 other English merchants are arrived from France, where have been in prison; and 3 French merchants here taken by way of reprizall are discharged.

A vessell at Plymouth says, the Portuguez have detained 13 French privateers in their ports till satisfaction for their 2 merchant ships taken by the French, and have ordered the stopping all their ships in the harbours; which may occasion a rupture.

The parliament in Scotland is by proclamation adjourned to the 1st of next month, and then to sitt; duke Hamilton will be cheife commissioner.

To morrow the Carlisle, a new ship of 60 guns, will be launched at Deptford.

Severall quakers and others have brought lately great quantities of corn, near the water side, design'd to be sent for France.

Mutiny has been in severall parts occasioned by the factors buying up great quantities of corn, which has much inhanced the price.

Sir William Turner, alderman of London, and president of the 2 hospitalls of Bethlehem and Bridewell, and parliament man for this citty, died this morning, aged 77.

An express from Holland that 12 Dutch men of war and

2 fireships are sailed to join the English squadron that goe with the Turky fleet.

A ship returned from the coast of France brings, that marquis de Nesmond is sail'd from Brest with 6 men of warr, and that 28 lay in that road ready.

Duke of Ormond is preparing to goe for Flanders to attend the king.

Lord Mohuns tryall will be printed, being licenced in order to it.

Portsmouth letters say an English privateer had brought in thither 2 French prizes, one laden with salt, the other with brandy, of 60 and 70 tunns.

Deal, 17th, the Streights fleet are in the Downes, and 15 of our men of war their convoy, which with the Dutch squadron design to meet with the Thoulon squadron.

Satterday, 11th Feb.—Yesterday 2 highwaymen taken at Enfeild, and brought to Newgate with a strong guard.

Talmash goes for Flanders next week, and is to command all the English and Scotch forces, and noe forreign feild officer to command under him.

A gentleman from Dover that came from Ostend sayes the French kings household is arrived at Mons, and he is expected there in few dayes.

3 troops are ordered to be added to the earle of Oxfords regiment; and all the old troops are to be encreased by 9 new men to each.

4 companies of the kings foot guards embarque next week for Flanders to fill up those that suffer'd most last summer.

The persons indicted at Portsmouth for imbezilling the stores will be tryed at kings bench next term.

Lord Jermin has introduc'd to his majestie some gentlemen from Jersey with an addresse from that island, assuring his majestie of their fidelity and readiness to serve him, and defend that island against all his enemies; his majesty received them kindly, and assured them of his protection.

They write from Plymouth, that the storehouse there was broken open, and some necessaries for shipping taken out; on which 2 persons were seized.

A proclamation will speedily be published commanding all seamen to repair to their respective ships under severe penal-

ties; and the deputy lieutenants and justices have strict orders to search for them.

The 2 trains of artillery are now ready in the Tower, and will be shipt off in 9 or 10 dayes.

And officers of the army in Flanders have orders to go by the 20 on board.

French king hath published a placeat forbidding all the young men in Alsace to marry untill they have served 2 years in his army.

Duke of Ormond and earle of Scarborough are to be lieutenant generalls in Flanders in room of Macay and Lanier.

Lords have ordered a committee to draw up an addresse of advice to his majestie upon the heads agreed on, that no feild officer be a forreigner.

Capt. Churchill, a sea officer, has laid down.

Said 4 of our merchant ships (out of 11) outward bound, worth 70,000*l.*, are missing; one of them carried 30 guns; thought to be taken by the French.

This day 2 Holland mails; little news: from Brussells, that a party of the garison of Huy mett a like party of French, killed severall, and took 17 prisoners and 9 horses.

That the French begin to be in motion.

From Spain, Madrid, 28th, the secret councill have published 2 of their resolves, one, retrenching all pentions above 30 sous a day, except some Portugall family that remains faithfull to crown of Spain, which will save 2 millions 30,000 crowns; and the other retrenches the extraordinary wages to veterane soldiers: and that there will be a great reform in the king and queens councill, fina[n]ces, &c.

Paris, 10th, duke of Wirtembergh has taken leave of the king in order to return to his country; but the states thereof have declared the young prince of Wirtembergh no longer under his tutelage, suspecting him to be sainted with French civilities.

French king has fix'd the 3d of March to take a review of the troops of his household in the plain of Chantilly.

Mr. D'avaux and Bonrepo, ambassadors to Sweden and Denmark, are arrived at Hamburgh; their publick instructions are to sollicit these crowns to leave their neutrality, but their private ones are to perswade them to be mediators for a generall peace.

Corn is soe scarce in Switzerland that many dye for want of it, and others list themselves in French service to prevent their being starved.

The king of Spain has given the kingdome of Naples to the emperors 2d son, which much disturbs the pope and the French king.

Wrote from Brussells the garisons of Huy, St. Tron, and Maestricht have been reinforced; and that the French are getting ready 3 trains of artillery, and boast they will attack 3 places at once: they endeavoured to surprize a fort which covers Ostend, but were prevented: 'tis beleived they will beseige Newport, having laid up great stores at Ipres and Dunkirk, and have 40,000 men in the parts adjacent.

Teusday, 14*th Feb.*—A great part of the country of Newport is laid under water; between which place and Bruges the lord Overkirk is forming a camp.

The states have published a placeat forbidding the carrying corn into the enemies country on pain of death and confiscation of goods.

Naples letters say a great earthquake has hapned in Sicily, in which 10,000 persons were buried.

The Jermain spy boat came into Plymouth the 10th, and brought in a fisher boat: she took 4 leagues from Brest: the men, on examination, say that the French are not preparing for a descent, but equipping their fleet with great diligence; that a squadron of their ships was gone out, and another getting ready, but on what design not knowne.

The 11th, arrived at Portsmouth 14 men of warr, with about 60 Streights merchant ships outward bound under their convoy.

An order is come to Portsmouth to take up all the vessells of burden for transport service.

Severall persons who have money in the bank of Holland are remitting it hither to advance it on the project act, interest being low there.

Charles Villiers of the guards is made coll. of sir John Morgans regiment.

Brigadeer Stewarts regiment is made the regiment of guards in Ireland: a troop of guards will be raised there of 120 horse, to be commanded by coll. Smith.

Coll. Lumley is made a brigadeer generall: coll. Godfry, who had a regiment of horse, has laid downe, said to be disgusted.

Parson Young, the non con., sentenced to stand 3 times in the pillory, to pay 1000 fine, to be denied pen, ink, and paper, and lye in prison till done.

Lord Banbury brought to kings bench barr, and offered 2 earles and 2 barons for his bail; but denied, and ordered to remain in prison.

Lords this day heard an appeal between the king and the East India company for 9000*l.*, the kings 10th part of what the company took from the mogull, and the lords confirm'd the decree in favour of the king.

Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation requiring all seamen and marines to render themselves to their majesties service.

Thursday, 16th Feb.—Letters from Vienna say the army on the Rhine will consist [of] 52,000 men; 6000 from Sweden, 6000 from Saxony, 3000 from Saxon Gotha, 3000 from duke of Wirtemburgh, 6000 from Munster, 15,000 from the circles of Swabia and Franconia, besides other troops.

The emperor has declared the young prince of Wirtemburgh at age, but not to act without advice of his mother and 2 councellors.

Last night the lord Overkirk with other officers arrived here from Holland, and gave an account that his presence would be extreamly necessary in Flanders, for that the enemy make great preparations for some sudden enterprize: some beleive the French will passe by Leige and Huy, and sett down before Maestricht, on which that garison is recruited with men, ammunition, and provisions.

Yesterday the lord Galloway, generall of the forces in Ireland, with other officers, sett forward for that kingdome.

Brigadeer Leveson is made a major generall, and sir David Collier and coll. Hastings brigadeer generalls.

This morning his majestie sett forward for Portsmouth; dines this day with duke of Somerset at Petworth; and to morrow views the fortifications and shipping at Portsmouth; and is expected in towne on Monday next.

Yesterday the 1st regiment of foot guards was muster'd in

Hide park, where a draught was made out of them for Flanders, who will be going thither next week.

Processe having been issued against divers persons for money levied on dissenters in the late reigns, and not paid into the exchequer, was argued on Satturday last before the barons; sir Thomas Jenner, who had 3000*l.* of it in his hands, pleaded the late kings pardon, and it was allowed; sir James Smith, and Mr. Cole, and Mr. Elliot, pleaded to the jurisdiction of the court, which was overruled.

An envoy from Hamburgh is arrived; 'tis said he comes to demand the restitution of some ships (taken by ours), with 2 men of war, who were carrying goods to France.

The lords this day read the royall mines bill a 3d time, and passed it.

Satturday, 18*th Feb.*—Irish letters say their militia has been exercised for 3 dayes together, and have received a months pay advance; and that divers vessells are come to Kingsale with arms to distribute among them.

On Sunday last Overkirk arrived here from Holland, and took post immediately to goe to the king at Portsmouth: 'tis said he brings an account the French designe to open the campagne with the seige of Maestricht.

The owners of the ship Robert have complained that she put into Tunis, and lay under the protection of the castle, yet that government suffered the French to take her away; on which Rooke has instructions to demand her of that government, and on refusall to make reprizalls.

Lord Lexington, gentleman of the horse to the prince of Denmark, has resigned his place, and will be succeeded by the earle of Denbigh: Lexington or Capell, 'tis said, will be made secretary of state.

From Plymouth wrote the Dover had brought in 4 supposed Danish prizes laden with contraband goods for Brest.

4 clippers were seized yesterday, and sent to the gatehouse.

Yesterday the lords had under debate the matter of the advice to the king, and agreed on an addresse, 1. that the lieutenancy of London be put into better hands; 2. no justice of peace be in commission but such as shall act; 3. none of his majesties subjects to be pressed under any pretext other then what the law allowes; 4. no forreign troops to be left here, nor any

forreigner to command the English, but that 20,000 English be left here under English officers.

Yesterday an express to Whitehall of the arrivall of admirall Allemonds squadron in the Downs.

From Scotland, that the Dutch factors buy up much corn there; and that the recruits design'd for Flanders were embarquing on the transport ships under the convoy of 2 Dutch men of warr.

House of lords heard a cause between lord Pembroke and the lord Jefferies, the former claiming an estate of 4000*l.* per ann., which the lord chancellor Jefferyes by decree settled on the lord Pembroke's neice, and then married her to his son; the judges are ordered to deliver their opinion on Teusday next.

The lords this day read the hawkers and pedlars bill, and after threw it out.

A good summ of money, 70,000*l.*, was yesterday sent to Portsmouth under a guard to pay the seamen.

Talmach, 'tis said, will be made generall of the English forces in Flanders.

20,000 forces are to be left here in England during the kings absence.

Paris letters say the French will open the campagne the beginning of March on the Maese; and that the troops are folding of that way from the Moselle and the Rhine: 'tis said they will act offensive in Piedmont and Flanders, and defensive on the Rhine.

A commander of a ship is newly arrived from Brest, and sayes the French are sending a squadron to reinforce the Toulon squadron, least they should meet the English and Dutch fleets in the Streights.

Our admiralls complain by reason of sending a squadron of men of warr to the West Indies, and another now going to the Streights, the line of battle will not be soe numerous this year as last year by 12 or 14 men of war.

Admirall Rooke is gone to Portsmouth to goe on board the Streights squadron.

Mr. Cardinal of the war office is made treasurer to the hospitall for sick and wounded men.

Coll. Langston, 'tis said, will have Godfrey's regiment of

horse; the lord Overkirk will resign place of master of the horse, and will be succeeded by the duke of Somerset; and the lord Cornbury will be made governour of the Isle of Wight.

Mr. Fitzjames, brother to the duke of Berwick, is married to a poulterers daughter, sister to the dutchesse of Northumberland.

The lady Maleverer is married to the lord Arundel of Herisce.

Teusday, 21 *Feb.*—Portsmouth letters say the king came thither late on Thursday night, and took a view of the garison and dock; and then went on board the fleet, and conferred the honour of knighthood on admirall Rooke: on Friday night his majestie lay at Scarborough, 9 miles distant; and on Satturday did the duke of Somersett the honour to dine with him at Petworth; and came yesterday to Hampton Court, where the queen mett the king, and in the evening came to Kensington.

Said the lord Cornbury is made governour of the Isle of Weight; and the marquis of Winchester will keep his admiralls place there.

A rich ship, called the Stella, thought to be lost, is arrived in the Downs from Genova, worth 60,000*l.*, having on board 300 bails of silk.

Dr. Monrow of Edinburgh colledge is taken up here, and all his papers seized, for dangerous practices: 'tis said some others of that nation will be taken up for like crime.

Coll. Fitzpatrick will be made brigadeer generall of the army.

Yesterday the lords read severall bills; and were going on the advice on that head about the lieutenancy of London, when one Wilmor (a kidnapper) delivering at the door a seditious libell reflecting on the mag of state for making such a lieutenancy; on which their lordship[s] voted the paper an insolent libell, and ordered the usher of the black rod to take him into custody; but he slipt away, and escaped.

Forreign letters say queen dowager arrived at Lisbon on the 20th past.

Merchants letters from Sancta Cruce in America confirm the mutiny of the Indians at Mexico; that they plundered the merchants warehouses, and forced the Spanish viceroy to retire; but the tumult being abated, he caused some of the prin-

cipall actors to be shot to death: the uproar was caused by the viceroys increasing their taxes on drink and bread.

An order is come from Zealand requiring all their privateers forthwith to return home.

Lord Lexington will succeed sir Rowland Gwynn as great treasurer of the chamber, worth 2000*l.* per ann.

Cadiz letters say they had an account of a great earthquake at Havanna in the West Indies, near the gulph of Florida, where 1500 houses were overturned, and many buried in the ruines.

The mail this day from Holland gives a dismall account of the devastations made by the earthquake in Sicily, where divers towns were overwhelmed in the citty of Augusta; 4000 barrells of powder blew up the cittadell, and destroyed 20,000 souls, 4000 not escaping.

Wrote from the Hague, that some of their men of war were in sight of capt. Barts squadron belonging to Dunkirk, and were preparing to engage him.

Engineer Vauban promises to take Charleroy 9 dayes after the trenches are opened.

The lords read the lord Pembrokes bill a 2d time, and committed it, about 4000*l.* per ann. of lord Jefferyes estate.

Their majesties are returned to Kensington.

Paris letters say Mrs. Ashton (widow of him executed here) died at St. Germains, and was ordered by king James to be embalmed here, and sent to England to be buried.

Foreign mail yesterday from Vienna sayes prince Lovis went thence the 2d to command the army on the Rhine: there's to be a conference the 18th between the circles of Suabia and Franconia, who engage to furnish 27,000 men there: the French have quitted their small garisons in the Palatinate, and marched their men to Piedmont and the Moselle.

'Tis said there are not 2 towns left standing in Sicily island; consequently above 100,000 persons destroyed.

Brussells letters say the French are suddenly expected to set down before some towne in Flanders; but the elector of Bavaria has soe disposed his men, that he can draw together 40,000 men in 3 dayes time.

Lady Mary Sackvill, daughter to the lord Dorset, is married to the lord Orrery.

The lords yesterday adjourned the debate of the lieutenancy of London, sine die.

Thursday, 23d Feb.—Yesterday morning a mercer in Lombard street was taken out of his bed, and charged by a cheesemonger for being a highwayman, and robbing him 2 years since; he is bound over to appear next assizes in Kent: another was taken up on suspition for being a highwayman, near Ludgate, and committed.

Yesterday the lords heard councill in the earle of Pembrokes case, and after a long debate ordered the bill to be engrost.

Last Sunday lord Cutts lady died, whereby her joynture of 2500*l.* per annum goes to the next heir.

This week madam Sackvill, natural daughter to lord Dorset, was married to the lord Orrery.

His majestie will have a camp on Blackheath during his absence of 18,000 or 14,000 men.

A draught was lately made of 5 men out of each company in the foot guards to recruit those in Flanders; and are ordered to embarque in a day or two with some horse.

A ship put into Weymouth from Lisbon sayes there lay under the castle of that place 3 French men of war and some privateers; and that 3 English men of war lay at the mouth of the harbour to wait their coming out.

2 Dutch privateers have brought in Cowes a French privateer of 14 guns.

Paris letters say the earle of Montcastle (i. e. Macarty) and the earle of Lucan or Sarsfeild are made lieutenant generalls in the French army; and that some of the household troops were gone to Valenciennes, and expected the king to follow in a few dayes: that a bull was expected from Rome to grant to his majestie all the tenths of the French clergy, to be employed against hereticks: and that Mr. Fitzjames, 2d naturall son to king James, is married to Mrs. Rogers, daughter to his fathers taylor.

Vienna letters say a marriage is like to be concluded between the emperor's son, the king of the Romans, and the princesse of Sweden: and that the king of Sweden will maintain 18,000 men for 3 years of his own subjects in the emperors service where he shall order them, in consideration of part of the princesses portion.

From Portsmouth, 32 men of war, under the command of sir John Ashby and sir George Rooke, lye ready there; and that the latter was bound with 13 of them for the Streights, and is to join 12 more at Spithead of the Dutch; and the outward bound ships goe under their convoy.

The house of lords attended the king this afternoon with their addresse of advice.

From Paris wrote the French kings indisposition retards his journey to Flanders.

To morrow the king goes to Chattham and Sheernesse to view the ships and forts there.

The French king had contracted with king of Denmark for 10 or 12 men of war, but the money not being tendred at the time, the king has taken advantage, and will not comply.

Divers soldiers went this day to the Tower to embarque for Flanders, but the winds being contrary they returned to their quarters.

Mrs. Merryweather has now obtained a pardon.

Severall citizens are drawing up a petition against the orphans bill, being a constant charge and annuall tax upon all livery men and freemen &c., some of which being in low condition, it will goe hard with them.

Wrote from Brussells, the merchants of Antwerp have desired the duke of Bavaria to interceed with the king of England to release the Hamburgh ships taken carrying contraband goods to France.

The elector of Bavaria has received 500,000 rix dollars from Madrid, with promise of double that summ, towards the campagne.

Some forreign papers say the king of Sweden has resolved to revoke the protestation his minister made against the 9th electorate.

Mr. Overkirk is made deputy stateholder of Holland under the king of England.

The lords yesterday heard councill touching the aulnage bill, and committed it to a committee of the whole house.

At 4 this afternoon the lords presented to his majestie in the banquetting house their addresse of advice; viz. 1. that one of the kings subjects, and not a foreigner, shall comand in cheife the English abroad; 2. those regiments which by the treaty

in 1687 were to remain in Holland, that the officers there should have the preferrence before any foreigners, except those of crowned heads; 3. that 20,000 English men might stay in England, and commanded by a native thereof; 4. that no forreigner be imployed in the Ordnance or Tower; 5. to regulate for the future the disorderly pressing of men: to which the king said, My lords, I will consider of it.

Satturday, 25th Feb.—Yesterday morning a clergy man in his cassock was taken up near Black Fryers stairs drowned, being bruized about the head, and cutt over the eye; thought he was robbed, and then strangled, and tumbled into the water.

Lord Fitzwater was this week married to the daughter of Charles Bertie; her portion 10,000*l.*

Lady Shelbourn, widow to sir Wm. Petty, worth 30,000, is married to sir George Crofton of Ireland.

Capt. Cook and capt. Nash, who have prest severall, and sent them to Flanders, were bailed out yesterday to appear at next sessions.

A patent is passing to make farthings of English copper; and then a proclamation will call in all the tinn farthings, to be exchanged for those of copper, but not the counterfeit tinn ones, whereof many have been coined.

Mr. Banks, a wollen draper in Watling street, was on Thursday last convicted at the sessions for dispersing the sham Kings Speech to the Parliament.

A bill is found against one Mr. Binsly for listing men for king James.

Sir Nicholas Butler will be made a commissioner of the customes.

Said sir Edward Seymour will succeed admiral Russell in his place of treasurer of the navy.

Yesterday came out a proclamation for encouraging seamen to enter themselves on board their majesties men of warr, for which they are to have a months pay before they sail.

Wrote from Weymouth, 2 Guernsey privateers mett with 8 French merchant ships on their coast, with a convoy of 26 guns, and another of 8; they fought them 2 hours, and drove them among the rocks, but night put an end to the same.

A forreign mail brings from Vienna that the marquis of Fleury, their admirall, lately died there.

From Venice, that the Turks have rejected the late offers of a peace; and from Poland, that they had intercepted a Turkish convoy of 100 waggons with provisions going to Camineec, and cutt most of the convoy in peices.

They talk of these removes at court: Nottingham to be chancellor; lord Lexington to succeed him as secretary; Somerset, duke, to be master of the horse, and a new master of the ordnance.

This day the common councill of London mett, and agreed on unanimously a petition to be presented to the commons against the orphans bill as now drawn up, it leaving a lasting duty on all the citizens.

The judges on going their circuits have a strict charge given to prosecute all papists, Jacobites, and other disturbers of the peace.

Our admiralty have notice that 120 Danish and Swedish ships lye at Dunkirk with naval stores, watching their opportunity to get to Brest.

Mr. Bret, the nonjuring parson, was discharged at sessions house without tryall.

Munday next the new Spanish ambassador makes his publick entry, which will be very splendid.

A marrige is concluded between the earle of Shrewsbury and Mrs. Thomas, grandaughter to the lord Wharton; her fortune 4000*l.* per ann. and 15,000*l.* in money.

On Thursday last a great councill, where the going out of our Turky fleet was debated; there being advice the French are sending considerable reinforcements to the Thoulon squadron, which will be too strong for our Turky convoy: we do not hear the result.

Foreign mail brings that the French ambassador has presented the grand seignior with a summ of money in specie, 430 officers, 60 bombardeers, 12 engineers: that the French king has ordered all the arrier band to be raised; that he has resolved to beseige Vigone and Coni before the Savoyards can take the feild; and that Tourvilles baggage is gone to Brest.

The sessions at Old Baily began the 22d, and held 23d, 24th, 25th, and 27th dayes of February, where severall criminalls were tryed; 11 were burnt in the hand, 4 ordered into their majesties service by land and sea, 1 ordered to be trans-

ported, 4 to be whipt, and 7 received sentence of death, one of which was for high treason, for clipping, and severall were fined for diverse misdemeanours.

Teusday, 28th Feb.—Sir Edward Seymour will be made a baron of England, an earle.

Earle of Shrewsbury is gone into Glamorganshire to marry Mrs. Thomas, an heiresse, who hath 4000*l.* per ann., and 2000*l.* in money.

The kings journey to Chattham is put off to next week.

Yesterday the Spanish ambassador made his publick entry thro' the citty, his pages and footmen all in green liveries, richly laced, and followed by many coaches and 6 horses.

Mr. Leeson, comptroller of the foreign post office, is turn'd out by the kings order, and Mr. Tredenham put in.

An old woman convicted at the sessions yesterday for saying king James would be here by the 10th of March with a great force, and that divers of his freinds were come before: a preist was tryed and convicted for having scandalous libells in his pocket or custody in behalfe of king James; capt. Nash was also tryed and convicted for pressing one John Mayn as a land soldier against his will; and 2 notorious highwaymen, formerly pardoned, were convicted for late robberies.

The matrostes and gunners are ordered to exercise 4 dayes a week till they embarque for Flanders.

Four merchants are fitting out 2 or 3 privateers of 35 guns apeice.

The Dunkirk privateers, 'tis said, have taken 3 Dutch merchant men and their convoy bound for London.

Sir Robert Howard, auditor of the exchequer, (aged 70,) on Sunday last married young Mrs. Dives, maid of honour to the princesse, aged about 18.

Satturday last the justices at Hicks hall fined a gentleman 20*l.* for disturbing Burgesse meeting house in Covent garden: he paid it in court.

Yesterday 200 young men on horseback came out of Kent to serve his majestie as volunteers in Flanders.

The kings pistolls during his stay at Petworth in Sussex were stole away thence.

The lords heard the Irish gentlemen who were examined before the commons touching these severall heads there: let-

ting the forfeited lands there at a fourth part of their value in trust to unknown persons; embezilling the publick stores and revenue; giving protections to the Irish, whereby the protestants could not sue them for their just debts; quartering the soldiers upon the people; and leavying money contrary to law; displacing members of the house who had places for giving their opinion in parliament; and proroguing the parliament before they had redressed the greivances of the kingdom: and this day they heard them touching the same, and ordered them to put them in writing, and then to be sworn. Mr. Poulteney, secretary to the lord Sidney, was heard against them; after which a conference was ordered with the commons to morrow on the affairs of Ireland.

Great quantities of naval provisions were yesterday shipt of at the Tower for Flanders.

When the parliament rise, which is expected will be next week, 'tis said divers alterations will be made at court; that we shall have a lord chancellour, a lord treasurer, and a new secretary.

Our merchants have advice the French privateers have taken severall colliers coming from Newcastle; 4 Dutch and one English merchant ship richly laden coming from Rotterdam.

3 men of war and 2 fireships which sailed lately out of the Downs are, 'tis said, in chase of 60 sail of Swedes bound for Brest.

The house of lords were yesterday on the debate of the complaint of the lord Mohun about Mrs. Mountford having brought an appeal against him; they put it off till Friday, when the judges are ordered to attend.

Thursday, 2d March.—Scotch letters say the parliament is to be prorogued to the last of Aprill; that the councill have enacted, that neither the estate nor honour of duke of Gourdon shall be forfeit; that sir Thomas Levingston is made general of the army; and that a person going to the Basse to discover in what condition, they found king Williams passe about him, and put him in irons, and burnt his vessell.

Yesterday the bishop of London preached before their majesties, being 1st day of Lent, and wore leaks in memory of St. Davids day.

Whitby, great shooting has been heard off at sea, thought

to be an ingagement between a French privateer of 36 guns and 8 laden colliers with their convoy of 24 guns, which 'twas feared would be too weak.

Said capt. De Barts squadron has intercepted 22 light colliers going to Newcastle, and only took the masters out of them to be ransomed.

The states have built a fine new ship of 100 guns, called the Belkemer, or Defender, which they design to present to his majestie.

The post boy going from Penzance in Cornwall had his horse and mail taken from him by 6 men, who left the boy on the road much wounded, going to Morizeon.

The Irish gentlemen this day delivered into the lords their narratives in writing, and were sworn to what was in their knowledge; after which the lords debated it, and voted that upon information given, that for 4 years last past there has been in the kingdome of Ireland several arbitrary proceedings, illegall actions, and exorbitant practices, contrary to the known lawes of that nation and liberty of the subject; and that they would on Satturday next take into consideration the wayes and means to releive the protestants of that kingdome, and nothing to intervene.

One of the clerks of the lords house rudely denying a paper to coll. Fitzgerald in the hearing of the bishop of Exeter, the bishop complained thereof, on which the clerk was sent to Newgate, notwithstanding the intercession of the coll., earle of Oxford, marquesse of Hallifax, &c.

A proclamation is coming out to put off the assizes for a fortnight in regard of the badnesse of the wayes, except the Oxford and the Norfolk.

This day was the election of a parliament man in sir William Turners room; the candidates are the present lord mayor and sir Wm. Ashurst, and will be decided by a poll.

Dartmouth, 26, yesterday the Soldadoes sent in a French prize: she took 3 others, seperated by bad weather.

King has sent to the officers of the ordnance for the artillery to be shipt for Flanders by the end of this month.

The Spanish ambassador had audience at 5 this afternoon.

A foreign post wanting.

Satturday, 4th March.—Yesterday a proclamation was pub-

lished for adjourning the assizes of the northern, western, midland, and home circuits for some dayes, by reason of the great snowes, but Oxford and Norfolk continue as they were.

There is paid in on the fund bill 110,000*l.*

A French privateer of 32 guns took out of Dover harbour an English privateer of 10 guns, with the lieutenant and 40 men, and carried it off.

The kings equipage and servants that attend him to Flanders are ordered to be in readinesse by the 15th instant: 600 horse lye ready to embarque for Flanders the first fair wind.

20 men of war at Spithead are weighed anchor and stood westward, but not said whither sailed, beleived to intercept a fleet of Swedes and Danes.

On Thursday last the councill had the affair of the Turky fleet under consideration, and came to a final resolution.

Said orders are sent to the lords of the admiralty for 20 men of war to put to sea, which is the above said squadron.

Last night the poll ended in the citty, and the lord mayor was declared duly elected a member of parliament, having carried it by 184 more then Ashurst: Fleet 1925; Ashurst 1741.

Sir Robert Southwell and 5 others, 'tis said, will be appointed commissioners to examine the publick accounts of Ireland.

Major Herne of Westminster, a bookish gentleman, is made licenser of the presse by lord Nottingham in room of Mr. Bohun.

From Dover wrote, 70 sail passed by there on Sunday last towards the French coast, supposed to be Danes and Swedes laden with naval stores for France, and were under a convoy of 4 men of war.

Forreign letters give a dismal account of the dreadfull earthquake in Sicily, and what devastations it had wrought; the ground opened 15 miles in length, and swallowed up the townes and villages within the circumference thereof, and the citty of Augusta is now become a lake.

The lords were this day on the Irish affairs, and had warm debates; and agreed on the heads for an addresse to be, setting forth the same, and debated 4 hours.

Lord Mohuns case was yesterday heard; but Mrs. Mountfort having not brought her appeal, nothing was done in it.

Vienna letters say nothing of a peace, but that great preparations are making on both sides for an early campagne.

Paris letters say their troops are augmenting on the Rhine, as also in Savoy, but nothing done yet therein.

Teusday, 7th March.—From Plymouth of 3d wrote that admirall Aylmer was come before that place with 15 men of war and 2 fireships, and was joined by 6 more English and 2 Dutch men of war; and the Bilboa fleet took the opportunity and sailed under their convoy westward, being 40 merchant ships, and 22 men of war, and 3 fireships.

A French privateer mett off the coast of Scotland an English vessell with 2000*l.* on board, all which they took out of her, with the goods and master, and one seaman, and then permitted the ship to goe on the voyage, telling them, on remitting 300*l.* to Dunkirk, they would release the master.

A complaint is coming from Edinburgh of some greivance by the kirk and presbyterian party.

Last Sunday morning 3 or 4 new houses uninhabited were burnt down behind St. James in Park Prospect, sett on fire by treachery.

A patent is past the seals for James Austin and Francis Ball, esquires, to have the sole benefitt of a war chariot, or machine, carrying 2 small mortars and 2 guns; the engine to be musket proofe; it is drawn by 2 horses or men, and is to be used in battle.

Foreign letters say the earthquake has wasted a 3d part of Sicily islands for 5 or 600 miles in circumference; many hills turn'd into valleyes, and severall towns and forts by the sea side swallowed up.

From Madrid, the king of Spain has ordered the remittance of a million of peices of eight to the elector of Bavaria; 500,000 more to the governour of Millain, and 150,000 to the duke of Savoy.

From Paris wrote, the great snowes has retarded the motion of their troops; they talk of opening the seige of Charleroy, to which end said Boufflers is drawing some forces together; that orders were gone to Thoulon for their fleet there of 22 sail to put to sea; and that they had a squadron of 12 men of war cruizing in the chops of the channell.

'Tis said again lord Rochester will be made lord treasurer of England.

Divers common councill men in the citty have laid down on the prospect of the tax of the orphans.

Scotch letters say the parliament there are prorogued to the 6th of Aprill.

The lords address about the Irish affairs consists of these heads: 1. That the real forfeited estates have not been accounted for nor applyed to the uses directed: 2. That the reall forfeiting estates, which amounted to 135,000*l.*, only 10,000*l.* has been accounted for: 3. That the army have not been paid, notwithstanding the deduction out of their pay, and the supplyes given by parliament: 4. That Irish papists who had noe right to the articles of Limrick have been protected against the suites of protestants, whilst poor protestants were left to be persecuted by papists: 5. That the methods of the exchequer have not been duly executed: 6. That the present lord mayor has been imposed 2 years on the citty, contrary to the antient customes and priviledges: 7. That some persons have been executed without any tryall: 8. That one Sweetman, equally guilty with others, has not been prosecuted: 9. That there has been great imbezilments of the publick stores.

Letters from severall parts spoke of much cattle and some persons lost in the great snows.

His majesty goes not to Chattham till Friday.

Lord Ranelagh has carried his cause in the lords house against sir John Champante.

Paris letters of the 3d say that king was returned from Marli, where he held a grand councill, and resolved to beseige Charleroy, and has dispatcht Boufflers to command there: count D'estrees squadron is now at Isle of Hieres, consisting on [of] 22 men of war and 8 fireships; beleiv'd they will sail to Italy, and fall on the French fleet.

Messina letters of 22d ult. say they had a terrible shock of an earthquake of the rest of Sicily, which overturned many houses, the palace, and some churches; the magazine took fire, and blew up, and burnt one of the ships of Malta in that harbour; and that a 3d part of the island is destroyed by these earthquakes.

Alymer, [Aylmer] after seen the Streights fleet past the soundings, goes on some other design.

The transport ships for Flanders, with recruits, are fallen downe the river.

Thursday, 9th March.—Commons presented their addresse this afternoon to the king relating to the affairs of Ireland, and also the lords before, and had both an answer that care should be taken to redresse the greivances complained off.

The earle of Warrington is gone into the country to disarm the papists and disaffected persons there in Cheshire.

The lord Berkley went this week downe to the fleet; and continues to see the ships paid off.

The lords of the admiralty have sent orders to admiral Allimond, wrote with their own hands, no clerk present.

Sir John Ashby continues dangerous ill.

Coll. Godfreys regiment of horse is given to coll. Langston.

This day a hearing in councill between Mr. Corbet, &c. the persons concerned for making farthings and halfe pence of copper; and some persons on the behalfe of the county of Cornwall, praying they may be continued to be made of tinn.

Scotch letters speak of some commotions in Edinburgh, occasioned by sir James Leslyes regiment assisting at pressing men, on which the apprentices rose and took possession of the citty guard house, and kept it some hours, and abused the lord provost and magistrates; divers were killed in the bustle, but on a generall pardon to the offenders &c. they laid down their arms and submitted: they say also divers Jacobites were brought prisoners thither from the borders for proclaiming the late king James to be lawfull king.

Our Streights fleets have orders to continue at Spithead till our grand fleet takes the sea, which wants 5 or 6000 seamen of its full complement.

His majestie has conferred the honour of knighthood on Thomas Wagstaffe, esq.

This day the lords threw out the lottery bill.

One Dean, belonging to the royall oak lottery, is committed to the Gatehouse for clipping.

Sir Wm. Turner's corpse was this morning carried into Yorkshire to be interred there.

18 French men of war are now cruizing 20 leagues on this

side cape Finister, supposed to be waiting for our Bilboa fleet, who were to be convoyed but by 4 men of war, but now admiral Aylmer with 20 men of war is to see them out of danger.

Edinburgh, 2d, this day the ships with recruits for Flanders sailed from Leith.

A master of a Danish vessell come into Yarmouth sayes the day before he mett at sea 7 French privateers; and that De Bart with 3 men of war is at Fleguerry in Norway; and that 2 English and 2 Dutch men of war at the mouth of that port wait their coming out.

The lords yesterday presented to the king an addresse signifying the bill of mutineers and deserters had past both houses and began to take place to morrow.

The lords have this day made divers amendments to the bill of privateers.

Yesterday, being the 8th, five men of those condemned last sessions at the Old Baily were executed at Tyburn.

Satturday, 11th March.—Affair about copper and tinn farthings is referred to the master of the mint to end, which could be least counterfeited.

His majestie goes not to Chattham till Wednesday; and in his return will see the experiment of a new invented mortar at Woolwich throwing a shell that will imediately blow up a ship if it falls in it.

Earle of Portland taken very ill with a pleurisy, very dangerous; twice let blood, and continues indisposed.

A seaman belonging to the Sweepstakes went ashore near Bridlington and prest a land soldier, on which some of his fellows shot the seaman; whereon the captain of the man of war sent 30 armed seamen to presse others, but the country people came in and forced them back: several were wounded therein.

The German spy boat came upon the coast of France with a fleet of 16 French merchant men under the convoy of 3 men of war: she pickt out 2 of them; one she ran on shore, which staved against the rocks, and the other she sett to, having not time to carry her off.

Admiral Aylmer, with the squadron under his command, is forced into Torbay by stresse of weather; the Hampshire much damaged; and most of the Bilboa fleet are come in also; orders are sent hence to hasten them again to sea.

The Hamburgher ships taken as prize was yesterday debated before a committee of councill, and one of them condemned as prize, being laden for France.

Several false passes have been detected for persons going beyond sea, and counterfeit warrants; a proclamation will come out to discover the author.

2 persons were seized at Ghent, and putt into irons, for selling horses to the French.

A envoy from the emperor of Fex and Morocco has put in a memorial about trade, and to acquaint them with the offers the French have made to break with England and Holland, which he is not willing.

The congresse of the allies at the Hague and at Cologne have all agreed to act offensively against the French; the confederate army in Flanders will be about 80,000 men, that on the Rhine 70,000, Piedmont 45,000, and in Catalonia 16,000.

A Flushing privateer has brought into Cowes 2 French prizes; one, a flyboat of 120 tunns, with wine and brandy; the other, a caper of 4 guns, and 2 patereroes; most of the seamen, 'tis said, are taken out to serve on board the navy fleet.

Sir John Morgan's regiment is given to coll. Ingoldsby.

The parliament in Ireland, 'tis said, will be further prorogued till October next.

The deputy lieutenants of Yorkshire and Lancashire have taken from the papists and other disaffected persons 3000 armes, and some serviceable horses.

Orders are given to prepare transport ships and provisions for 30,000 men to make a descent on France.

One Mrs. Frances is committed to Newgate, having treasonable papers and letters found in her custody.

Stafford the highwayman, who was acquitted 3 times at the Old Baily, is convicted at Reading.

A flying pacquett come from Scotland with an account of the uproar that was lately in Edinburgh is now appeased; divers of the promoters are secured, and will be tryed for their lives; there has been 8 killed, and several wounded therein: and all the Scotch gentlemen here of note are ordered to repair to their stations in that kingdome forthwith to preserve the peace there.

Severall bills are come hither from Ireland; one a money

bill, which are to be approved of in councill, and sent back thither to be past the next sessions, which begins the 6th of Aprill.

A great plot is lately discovered; the seal of the secretaries counterfeited, as also the lord Nottingham's hand, which was affixed to severall blank warrants and passes, &c.; and some counterfeit badges, such as the kings messengers wear, were found; on which the councill have ordered a proclamation with the reward of 500*l.* to such as shall discover the authors.

The lords have rejected the bill to make salt water fresh.

2 forreign posts wanting.

Teusday, 14th March.—Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation for the discovery of such persons as had counterfeited the seal of the lord Nottingham, principal secretary of state; and had forged divers passes and warrants for seizing persons; offering the reward of 500*l.* to such as shall discover the persons guilty thereof: and vacating the former seal of the office, and all warrants and passes under the same, and appointing a new seal for the future.

Yesterday sir Richard Onslow, one of the lords of the admiralty, laid downe his comission.

Lady Gainsborough of Chilton, widdow of Edward earl of Gainsborough, is dead.

A foreign post wanting.

Thursday, 16th March.—Edinburgh, 9th, a proclamation is published here to prevent tumults and disorders by the inhabitants of this citty for the future, impowering the guards to fire at such persons as goe about to raise tumults.

Sir Thomas Roberts, knight of the shire for Kent, having taken a place in Tunbridge coach, but altering his resolution went on horseback; and the person that went the same day in the coach was sett on by 6 men, one of which shot into the coach, and hurt a gentleman in the arm, but after begged his pardon, saying 'twas Robert they intended.

A frigat is fallen down to Portsmouth to carry coll. Goddard to Barmudas, of which he is made governour.

His majestie has ordered 4000 (*sic*) transport ships to be forthwith taken up, whereby, tis beleived, the descent on France goes on.

Rear admirall Mitchell rides at the buoy in the Nore with

16 men of war to convoy the king to Holland; he goes hence on Wednesday, if the wind permit; the household that attend him goe on Monday.

The lord Portland is upon recovery.

A refiners wife with 2 servants were yesterday committed to Newgate for clipping; the husband escaped: several ounces of clipping were found in the house, and some of the lady Dartmouth plate which she was lately robbed off.

'Tis said near 2000 of the forged warrants and papers in the late proclamation have been seized; and that the persons wearing messengers badges were to take up divers lords and deputy lieutenants in several counties, and thereby put the nation in confusion, when the late king was to land during his majesties absence.

This day 3 of the rogues that robbed sir John Freinds house at Hackney were taken in Black Fryars, and committed to Newgate.

Yesterday a great hearing in councill on the affair of the Danish ships lately taken by our privateers, and resolved all, except 2, to be sett at liberty.

Yesterday a fire hapned at a sugar bakers in Queenstreet, Cheapside, where 4 persons were killed.

Teusday, one Perkins, in Hatton garden, shot himselfe.

Admiral Aylmer is still in Torbay with the Bilboa fleet; and 3 or 4 of the men of warr that received damage in the storm are returned to Spithead to refitt.

A forreign post wanting.

Satturday, 18th March.—Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation for the discovery of the makers of any of the false and counterfeit warrants and passes, or dispersers and rulers thereof, offering a pardon to any that have been guilty thereof, and the reward of 500*l.* also.

On Thursday last a person was seized and committed to Newgate endeavouring to pay away 30 counterfeit guineas.

The same evening a great councill at Whitehall, who had under consideration the affairs of Ireland, and severall bills intended to be offered at next parliament there.

Great preparations are making for kings going in Flanders, which is deferred till Tewsday sevennight; 2 officers are or-

dered to attend him out of each office: he will keep a more splendid court there then formerly.

Orders are come to the victualling office to get ready provisions for 33,000 men for 3 months, which confirms the beleife of a descent on France intended.

Our grand fleet this summer will consist of 50 English and 30 Dutch capitall ships in the line of battle, besides convoy and cruizers, and the squadron that goes to the Streights.

Orders are sent to Ireland to swear lord Inchiqueen of the privy counsell there.

A Dutch gentleman lately arrived here from Holland, being disappointed of preferment, and having spent his money, shot himselfe in the coach as he was returning to Harwich.

All the officers of the army in Flanders goe hence the next week.

Yesterday Mr. Whitehead, a member of parliament, died here of the small pox.

The descent, 'tis said, is to be composed of 16,000 men, who are to embarque out of England, 10,000 from Flanders, 4000 from Scotland, and 6000 from Ireland; and 'tis thought, after his majestie hath setled matters in Flanders, will leave the army under the command of the elector of Bavaria and of generall Talmach, and return to head the descent in person.

Sir Robert Jefferyes, alderman of London, is elected president of Bridewell, in room of sir Wm. Turner, deceased.

'Tis said 145,200*l.* is brought in on the project of survivorship on the fund bill.

6 new mortars were yesterday tryed at Blackheath, and approved of.

A new sect is started up here called the Freeseekers; one of the cheife promoters is an empirick in physick, and pretend to greater revelations then the quakers.

Some persons are sending out vessells and divers to a wreck near Bermudas for to fish up plate, &c.

From Scotland we hear one of the kings frigats has taken a Dunkirk privateer of 40 guns.

The duke of Leinster or generall Talmash will be made governour of the Isle of Weight, and the lord Cutts of Portsmouth.

A person arrived from Dunkirk, where he had been a prisoner 2 months, being taken by capt. Bart; he sayes there are in that port 125 sail, 52 Danes and Swedes, and 12 Portugueez, and the rest French; that since Christmas there had been brought in there 26 English prizes, 20 of them laden colliers; and that 2 English vessells had stollen in there with lead, powder, butter, cheese, &c. by connivance; and had taken cockets for Ostend, under pretence to trade with the allies: that coales had been sold there above 4*l.* a chaldron; but 9 English colliers being lately brought in had reduced the price; and that the garison consists of 7364 men; and that Dixmuyde and Furnesse were demolishing: they are laying up great stores of provision and forage, and openly say 'tis to sustain the troops that beseige Newport.

Sir Carberry Price having petitioned his majestie for a nolle prosequi to the suit that was beginning again against him about his mine in Wales, wherein he has had 2 verdicts in law, his majestie hath granted the same.

All the officers in England, Scotland, Ireland, and Flanders are ordered to have their troops and companies compleat by the 1st of next month.

Hector Phillips, a member of parliament, is lately dead.

'Tis said Mr. Charles Mountague of the treasury will be made secretary of state.

Earle of Carlisle is made governour of Carlisle.

Stafford the highwayman was yesterday hanged at Reading.

Wanting 2 mails.

Kings journey to Flanders is deferred till Munday 7night.

Teusday, 21st March.—A patent is past the seales to grant to the duke of Leinster the sole benefit of all the wrecks at sea for 20 years to come, from 12 degrees of southern latitude to 40 degrees north, beginning at Lomry in Peru, and thence to cape Cod in New England; and includes many wrecks the patentees know where to find; and they will fish this summer upon them.

There are getting ready in the Tower 100 peices of cannon and 36 mortars, 16 of which were lately cast of a new invention; 20,000 tents are also preparing, with other necessaries for a land army.

The parliament of Scotland will sitt at the time they are

adjourned to; in order to which the Scotch secretary is preparing to goe to Edinburgh with instructions to duke Hamilton, who is to be lord high commissioner.

The lord Inchiqueen will be made governour of Kingsale in room of lord Fitzharding, who will be otherwise provided.

There is a new seal engraven for the secretaries office; and 'tis said a 3d proclamation will be issued to rectifye the 2d in the omission of the word warrant.

Satturday last capt. Middleton and 2 women were taken at Westminster, and committed to the Gatehouse for clipping.

Mr. Chetwind, knight of the shire for Staffordshire, is dead of the small pox.

Mr. Hartstongue, son to sir Standish, is made bishop of Ossory and Kilkenny in Ireland, in room of Dr. Otway, deceased.

Lord Colchester is made a major generall; the lord Cutts, coll. Earle, sir David Collier, coll. Lumley, coll. Hastings, have their commissions for brigadeer generalls.

His majestie has offered the great seal to sir John Summers, his attorney generall, who makes what interest he can to decline it; tho' 'tis beleived it will be delivered him before he goes for Flanders.

His majestie setts forward on Satturday for Flanders.

This morning the lord mayor and aldermen waited on his majestie at Kensington to wish him a good voyage, a prosperous campagne, and a happy return.

Captain Kendall, governour of Barbadoes, is made governour of Jamaica.

Captain Russell, brother to the admirall, is made governour of Barbadoes.

Portsmouth, 18th, wrote, admirall Rook has received orders to sail with the Streights fleet; and is to call on admirall Aylmer in Torbay, who is to assist in convoying them part of the way: the Bilboa voyage is for the present laid aside.

We want 3 forreign posts.

Thursday, 23 *March*.—Merchant letters from Smirna say severall merchant ships from Holland were arrived there with cloth and other manufactures, which would very much forestall the market of our English Turky fleet; and if not sett sail, would not be worth while to come.

His majestie yesterday declared his resolution to goe for

Flanders to morrow, and intends to embarque at Harwich; the queen goes part of the way.

Earle of Oxfords regiment being recruited, have orders to goe for Flanders.

Many flat bottomed boats are ordered to be got ready for the descent; said duke Schonbergh will command it, and not goe to Piedmont again.

Mr. Edward Russell will be treasurer of the chambers in the room of sir Rowland Gwynn, formerly turn'd out.

Mr. Thornborough, a minister, near Guilford, of 200*l.* per ann., in a fitt of melancholly hang'd himselfe in a neighbouring wood, and was 9 days missing before he was found out.

4000 load of hay is ordered to be bought up for the descent; and the discourse at court is thereof.

Divers volunteers are said to come up ready hors'd from Glocestershire to serve his majestie in Flanders, and will bear their own charges.

The gunners belonging to the train in Flanders went last night to Gravesend to embarque there.

Letters from Ireland say the lord lieutenant is preparing for England on leave from his majestie; and hath ordered coll. Cuninghams commission for a regiment to passe the seals there.

Rear admiral Mitchell is ordered, as soon as he hath convoy'd his majestie to Flanders, to return with his squadron to Spithead, and join the fleet there.

From Portsmouth, the Turky fleet continue wind bound there.

Yesterday his majesty appointed sir John Sommers to be lord keeper of the great seal; sir Thomas Trevor, sollicitor, to be attorney generall; and Mr. Edward Ward, of the exchequer, to be sollicitor generall; sir John Trenchard to be secretary of state in room of lord Sidney.

Edward Kynaston, esquire, knight of the shire for Shropshire, lies a dying, occasioned by a fall from his horse and breaking his legg when he went into the country.

Major generall Rouvigny lord Galloway hath setled a French university at Kilkenny in Ireland; and severall French divines are come thither; Mr. Dallions is by the king made 1st professor of divinity; and colledges are erecting with all possible speed.

Yesterday a French regiment of refugees, well mounted and accoutred, marched thro' the citty for Flanders.

Earle of Pembroke stands fair to be lord lieutenant of Ireland; and the lord Sidney, the present lord lieutenant, will be made master of the ordnance, vacant ever since duke Schonberghs death.

The parliament in Ireland is further prorogued to 1st of June next.

Sir Scroop How is made surveyor generall of the roads.

Marquis of Winchester will be made governour of the Isle of Weight.

Sir Edward Seymour, 'tis said, will be made a viscount or earle.

Preparations for a descent goe on apace; and all the flat bottomb boats for landing horse and foot are fitting up.

158,000*l.* is already brought in on the million act.

His majestie hath dismist sir John Trevor, sir Wm. Rawlinson and sir George Hutchins from being commissioners of the great seal; and sir John Sommers, being last night called into councill, was told by the lord president, that his majestie, being satisfied of his integrity and abilities, pitched upon him to be lord keeper of the great seal of England, and that he would admit of noe excuse, and accordingly was declared lord keeper: and this evening, being a great councill at Kensington, 'tis expected sir Thomas Trevor, the sollicitor, will be declared attorney; Mr. Ward, of the exchequer, sollicitor; and sir John Trenchard secretary of state in room of lord Sidney.

Samuell Travers, a member of parliament, is made surveyor generall of their majesties lands in room of Mr. Harbord, deceased.

Edward Russell, esquire, 2d son to the earle of Bedford, is made treasurer of the chambers at Whitehall in room of sir Rowland Gwynn, formerly suspended.

Sir Scroop How is made comptroller of the excise in room of Mr. Ashmole, deceased.

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Satturday, 25th March.—Yesterday morning about 5 the king sett forwards towards Harwich: the queen and lord Overkirk went as far as Witnam, near Colchester, in same coach, where their majesties dined together; after, the queen returned to Whitehall.

Sir John Sommers and sir John Trenchard were sworn of the privy councill on Thursday night last.

Sir William Wogan, as senior judge of Wales, will be made cheife justice of Chester.

Said there will be some new creations; lord Caermarthen, duke of Pontefract; earle of Devon, duke of Newcastle; earle of Bedford, duke of Bedford; but we hear of no patents passing for it.

Commissioners of victualling office have received 50,000*l.* advance to make provision for the descent for 36,000 men, which will be ready by beginning of July; and that his majestie will return before to give orders therein.

His majestie before he went hence gave orders to the officers of the ordnance to fitt up 3 trains of artillery, one at Plymouth, another at Hull, and another at Berwick.

All the foreign ministers of state attend the king to Holland to consult at the meeting of the confederates there.

5 regiments of foot are ordered from Ireland hither; brigadeer Steards, coll. Rowse, and 3 others, for the descent.

Mr. Bridgman and Mr. Poultney made under secretaries to sir John Trenchard.

The king hath nominated the duke of Leinster generalissimo of all the forces in England during his absence; and to appoint Talmach governour of the Isle of Weight, and lord Cutts governour of Portsmouth.

Said sir Robert Atkins, lord cheife baron, will lay down, and be succeeded by sir Wm. Rawlinson.

Dean Pooley is constituted bishop of Killaloo in room of Dr. Rowland, deceased.

A new 3d rate man of warr of 80 guns is launched at Hull, and called the Humber; and a 4th rate at Deptford, called the Portland; and another at Southampton of 80 guns, called the Norfolk.

His majestie hath named these persons to command the descent: lord Colchester, coll. Hastings, brigadeer Churchill, coll. Meloniere, coll. Lumley, coll. Godfrey, coll. Earl, and lord Cutts, brigadeer generalls.

The lord keeper is said to have 4000*l.* per ann. setled on him for his life when he shall leave the place of keeper.

The princesse Ann continues indisposed; she has miscarried of a dead daughter on Thursday last.

On Wednesday last the commission past the seals to constitute duke Hamilton lord high commissioner in Scotland.

Edinburgh; some of the rioters in the late tumults were to be tryed there in Aprill before the lords justiciary; that a strong guard house was going to be built, and 6 cannon planted on top; and that the French have taken 9 of their transport ships who lately sailed from Leith.

120 collier ships are taken up in the river of Thames for the king's service; and the commissioners for transportation have orders to take up 40,000 tuns of shipping more.

Great wagers have been won and lost about coming in of the foreign post.

An embargo is gone to Portsmouth to stop the Turky Streights fleet, his majestie wanting the seamen and the men of war for his occasions.

The king lyes wind bound at Harwich.

Governour of the Isle of Weight and master of the ordnance are not yet setled.

Mr. Coot, recorder of Dublin, 'tis said, will be made a judge of the common pleas; and sir Richard Leving will be made recorder.

Noe forreign post arrived, 4 mails now due; Dr. Davent took 50 guineas of Mr. Castleman, to give a guinea an hour, will be a great loser.

A vessell from Newport sayes 2 of our packet boats were cast away, and a 3d driven back into Ostend.

A vessell from Barbadoes sayes a great mortality was amongst the negroes there, so that they want hands to carry on their sugar works.

Just now the 4 mails are arrived, so that the Newport vessell is mistaken; they will not be given out till Monday.

Teusday, 28th March.—The princesse of Denmark since her miscarriage is pretty recovered.

Said the lord Lansdown has laid down his commission of lord lieutenant of Devon and Cornwall, and governour of Plymouth, which he had jointly with his father the earle of Bath.

From Oakham in Rutlandshire, a disturbance hapned between a company of foot soldiers and some butchers; one of the latter was killed, and divers wounded on both sides; the disorder appearing to be occasioned by the soldiers, severall of them thereon are committed.

The duke of Ormands troop is to quarter at Warwick.

The Crown frigat, an interloper from Guinea, was taken by 3 French privateers after a sharp fight near the Landsend: she is very rich.

Some fisher men have taken a strange fish 20 foot long; and that they discover a great whale off the Lands end.

Scotland letters say a ship was arrived at Leith which had been taken at sea by a French privateer with king James commission; they took out of her some goods, and the master, and best seamen, telling the rest they might pursue their voyage, and for a 1000*l.* should have all returned again: that a wedding had been kept at a village called Pittenwem, over against the Basse, whence some went in their boats to make merry with the bride and bridegroom; and after some time invited Mrs. bride and 4 other maidens to take the pleasure on the waters, which they did; but the Basse men carried them to the castle, and sent the bridegroom word they were in want of pretty women, and he provide himselfe with another wife: they say alsoe that a serjeant, 2 corporalls, and 30 soldiers of capt. Montcreefs independent company deserted, and went over to the highlands.

Foreign letters say that 3 or 4 French were taken in Leige in womens cloths; ordered to be examined.

Piedmont letters say duke of Savoy had been soe ill he had the extream unction administred; but at coming away of the post he was better: they say the king of England allows the protestant troops under duke Schonbergh there 30,000 crowns a month.

From Vienna, that a French spy was taken there, who attempted to burn the German fleet on the Danube: 2 jockeys were hanged at Aeth for selling horses to France: that lately was seen over the citty at 3 in the morning a ball of fire in the air, which broke and cast fire on severall places on the earth with violence; the centinells ran from their posts; the like was seen over Mons, more large and more terrible: a camp is

marking out near Brussells for 25,000 to be in readinesse on any occasion.

The St. Mary is arrived at Plymouth from Barbadoes, leaving that island healthy, and in a good posture of defence; expecting assistance from England to fall on the French in Martineco, and rout them out; and that 2 English interlopers were arrived there from Guinea, but the Chesterfeild was taken by the French.

Thomas Coot, esquire, recorder of Dublin, is made a judge of kings bench; and the sollicitor Leving will be recorder.

Not determined whether sir Thomas Trevor or Mr. Ward shall be attorney here.

This evening the king returned from Harwich to Kensington, the winds continuing contrary.

Said there has been a 2d earthquake in Sicily.

All the foreign mails now due are arrived; by the last, of 4th Aprill, nothing considerable.

Naples of the 10th, wrote, the viceroy had caused severall redoubts to be built for securing the Spanish armado in that harbour; that 2 English ships had brought into that road 2 French prizes richly laden.

Vienna, 13th, we have certaine advice the grand seignior has laid aside all thoughts of peace, and intends to send his whole forces against Hungary this campagne; and gives out his army will consist of 100,000; 20,000 whereof have already appeared before Esseck, as is [if] they designed to form the seige thereof, but returned, plundering severall villages, and carrying off many prisoners; on which the emperor has sent to the severall princes of the empire to hasten their forces on their march into Hungary: and 'twas beleived prince Lewis would be recalled on the Rhine to act against the Turks.

Paris gazet of 27th sayes, duke of Savoy was soe ill he had received the extream unction from the bishop of Turin; but Savoy letters say he had mist his ague 5 dayes, and was in a fair way of recovery.

French letters say, the clergy have agreed to raise the king 4 millions 800,000 livres in 2 years, being an assessment the pope has laid on them for their forest lands in that kingdome; that his majestie, on advice the Germans would be very strong on the Rhine, has resolved to have two armies there this cam-

pagne, one of 30,000, commanded by Mr. De Lorges, near Strasburgh; the other of 12,000, commanded by D'Uxelles, near Mayence.

From Flanders, that the elector of Bavaria had remounted his chivalry, and will have a good body of foot early in the feild; the French have 140 peices of cannon, with all provisions necessary at Namur, and near as many at Mons, so beleiv'd they have designs on 2 places at once.

Our merchants have letters from Leghorn, who say a French vessell was forced into Leghorn by stresse of weather; and sayes she came with the Thoulon fleet, consisting of 22 men of war, 5 fire ships, and other tenders who were going for Naples to attaque the Spanish fleet, but mett with a violent storm, which separated them, and word was sent thereof to Naples.

This morning one Hamilton, an Irish papist, was taken into custody for treasonable practices, by an order from secretary Trenchard.

Lord Bellamount is displaced from being treasurer to the queen: 'tis said the lord Lexington will succeed him.

His [majestie] in his way home dined at Mr. Rebows, near Colchester, and knighted him.

Thursday, 30th March.—The admiralls have orders not to suffer a ship of 44 guns, capt. Gifford commander, to put to sea, being an interloper designed for the East Indies, tho' entred for the Madera's, information being given she has 60,000*l.* of silver on board; and the East India company make interest to hinder he[r] voyage; 6 of their companys ships are fitted up, and ride in the Downes, design'd for the East Indies; they had their discharges yesterday, and will sail with all expedition.

Lord Lansdowne having petitioned his majestie for his arrears due on his ambassady to Spain formerly, and pressing more then ordinary for it, was checked by the king, on which he resigned his place of bedchamber to the king, which the lord Lexington hath; that of lord lieutenant of Devon and Cornwall, 'tis beleived, his father will have wholly, which before were between both.

Lord Hide, son to lord Rochester, succeeds the lord Bellamount in place of treasurer to her majestie, worth 2000*l.* per ann.; who is removed, as supposed, for being for the trienniall bill.

Mr. secretary Trenchard has chose Mr. Vernon for his secretary; and has appointed Mr. Bartholomew Combes his deputy for cheife justice of Chester.

Mr. Darwyn, a woollen draper, is chosen alderman in roome of sir Wm. Turner.

Letters from Holland say severall persons are taken into custody for designing to assassinate the king on his landing there.

When the wind favours, his majestie goes down the river to view the shipping, and from thence to Holland.

Capt. Hamilton, lately seized, is found to be a French spy, severall treasonable papers being found in his custody, with blank warrants signed by the French king; he is not suffered to have pen, ink, or paper: 2 persons coming to see him were seized; one was the printer of some of his papers; and 'tis beleived the author of the counterfeit warrants will be found out by them.

Lieutenant generall Montpovillon is dead of an apoplexy at Harwich.

A patent is passing the seals for 2000*l.* per ann. to be paid to the lord keeper whenever he shall be displaced.

Benjamin Timewell, esq. is made commissioner of the dock at Portsmouth, in the place of Mr. Wiltshire, made a commissioner of the navy.

From Copenhagen, that the king of Denmark has published a declaration forbidding the bringing in prizes into his ports which are taken from the allies.

This evening Mr. Ward kist the kings hand to be attorny generall.

Satturday, 1st Aprill.—Yesterday about noon their majesties came to Whitehall, and made noe stay, but immediately took water for Lambeth, where the archbishop made provision for them; but the king, considering it would hinder his journey, immediately took coach there for Gravesend; and thence the queen returned in the evening to Kensington; and the king went on board about 4, intending to see the fleet at the buoy in the Nore, and then sail directly for Holland.

Duke of Ormond on Thursday last waited on the king, and offered to surrender his commission, in regard the campagne would be a great charge, and his affaires required his presence

in Ireland: the king told him he could not now spare him, that he had a great kindnesse for him, and therefore would doe well to consider of it till next morning; which he did accordingly, and he is since gone with the king.

On Thursday evening admirall Russell kist the kings hand for the government of the Isle of Wight; same time Edward Ward, esq., of the exchequer, kist the kings hand for place of attorney generall, and took his oath; which occasions the discourse of the sollicitor Trevor quitting his place.

A patent is passing the seals for setling 500*l.* per ann. on the lord Bellamount, in consideration of his past services.

The lord mayor, aldermen, and common councill have under consideration an act to restrain hawkers and pedlars, which would be of use to the traders within the same.

A great storm of hail, with great flashes of fire, fell at Chipping Mallett in Somersetshire, and Oundle in Northamptonshire.

Vice admiral Calemburgh is arrived at Portsmouth with 3 great men of war from Holland, and sayes the rest of the squadron were speedily expected.

Merchants hear from St. Christophers in the West Indies, that the Norwich, a frigat of 50 guns, was drove from her anchor in a hurricane out to sea, and not hear[d] of since; fear she is lost with all her men.

Lord Hide, we hear, has refused the place of treasurer to the queen; said Mr. Nicholas, son to sir John, will have it.

Edward Southwell, esq., son to sir Robert Southwell, is sworn extraordinary clerk or a supernumerary clerk to the councill.

Irish letters say a French frigat of 40 guns was forced on the western shore of that kingdome, and staved in peices; some of the men were drowned, and others made prisoners.

His majestie hath sent an order to the Tower to forbid delivering any of the new copper farthings out, or to coin any more tinn farthings till further order.

The 1st and 2d rate ships were begun to be paid off on Thursday last; the others were all paid off before.

Most of the Dutch fleet are come over the Campus, and the rest in a greater forwardnesse then ever.

The elector of Bavaria hath ordered a great train of artillery to be got ready, and will undertake some great enterprize.

The Spanish armada will consist of 30 men of war, 36 gallies, besides fireships and tenders; and will be at sea very early; and are to be joined by sir George Rooks squadron; and will be too strong for the French in the Mediterranean.

On Thursday an extraordinary councill at Kensington, where was a great hearing before his majestie between the East India company and capt. Gifford and capt. Pitts, two interlopers; the company prest to have the interlopers hindred from going to sea, alledging it would be detrimentall to the company by their informing the Indians of the state of their concerns; and to obviate the objection of the interlopers charge to fitt out this to sea, and will send the ship to sea on the companies account; and after a long debate lefto be determined among themselves.

Duke of Ormond said to be disatisfied for not being made governour of Isle of Weight, or having a generall command, declared his resolution to his majestie to fling up his commission, and accordingly gave orders for the returne of his equipage; but on better consideration his grace changed his sentiments, and accompanied his majestie for Holland.

Capt. Hugh Hamilton was this day sent to Newgate for high treason.

Governour of the Isle of Wight is not yet declared, tho' reported yesterday admirall Russell had it.

Upon Mr. Wards being made attorney generall, sir Thomas Trevor, the sollicitor, offered to surrender his place to his majestie, who bid him consider better of it; 'tis beleived his friends will perswade him to hold.

Lord cheife baron, who, 'twas said, desired to retire, continues still in that post.

Mr. Nicholas, 'tis now said, will be made treasurer to the queen, and not the lord Hide.

There is about 200,000*l.* paid into the exchequer on the project act.

A foreign post wanting.

Teusday, 4th Aprill.—Coll. Luttrell has undertaken to raise 2000 Irish for the service of the Venetians, and goes thither the next week to raise them: he has acquainted severall Irish

officers therewith, who seem to approve thereof, and goe with him.

This afternoon lieutenant generall Talmach went hence for Flanders with severall officers.

Amongst capt. Hamiltons papers, amongst others, there was found a Litany, wherein were prayers and Littany for king James, his consort, prince of Wales, and the young princesse, and that God would disappoint the designs of the prince of Orange: he is comitted to Newgate, and none suffered to speak with him; 20 warrants are issued out for taking up severall concerned with him.

The queen is expected at Whitehall this night, and will reside here during the kings absence; she was yesterday at the chappell with all the regalia.

The great train of battering artillery is now shipping at the Tower, with 8 mortars of a vast bignesse, each 4 tunn weight, and 12 inch thick, and requires 24 pound of powder to charge them; supposed for the descent.

Friday last 6 highwaymen were taken at St. Giles, and committed to Newgate.

There is now under the seals a new charter for the East India company, confirming the old on the heads agreed on in last sessions; and they have liberty to take in new members, to reconcile those that are for a new company, and takes in the persons that were for a new company.

Coll. Hewson, commander of the Lyon frigat, being accused of ill conduct in the West Indies, was examined before the lords of the treasury; and acquitting himselfe well, 'tis beleived he will be further promoted, he having, with his single ship of 50 guns and a privateer of 20, beaten a whole squadron, and preserved the Leeward islands.

The Virginia fleet at Portsmouth have orders to sail with the first fair wind.

The train for the descent is ordered to be got ready by the end of next month.

From Cadiz, the Antelope and Valentine, 2 English merchant ships, are taken by the French on that coast; and 3 others, homeward bound from Cales and Alicant, are cast away.

An Hamburgher arrived in the river sayes he mett his majestie with a strong convoy within sight of the Dutch shoare.

The French letters say the French king has declared he will fight the English by sea and land this summer.

Tallyes were yesterday struck in the exchequer for the lord Ranelagh to receive 335,000*l.* for to pay off the army that are for the descent.

All the forces in the 3 kingdomes will be paid off before the descent.

A master of a great collier arrived from Newcastle sayes he was attackt in his way by a French privateer of 16 guns and 120 men, whom he run athawart and sunk him, and afterward fisht up 9 French men; the rest were drowned.

Yesterday morning secretary Johnson with divers of the Scotch nobility set forwards for that kingdome, and carried with him the commission to constitute duke Hamilton lord high commissioner, in order to the opening that parliament the 18th, which is to sitt 40 dayes, the commission being for noe longer.

A messenger returned yesterday, who left the king under sail from the gun fleet, convoyed by 7 men of war, on Satturday evening; and an Hamburgher is arrived who saw his majestie on Sunday about 11 in sight of the Holland coast: and the queen, supposing his majestie to be landed, came this afternoon from Kensington to Whitehall; held a cabinet councill; and will reside there during the kings absence.

All the forces for the descent in the 3 kingdomes that embarque are to be ready by May.

The gunners, bombardeers, &c. continue daily to exercise on Blackheath.

Some persons being lately come from France, great search is made after them.

One Milbourn, a printer, was seized coming to speak with capt. Hamilton; on examination was found to be the printer of the new Liturgy for praying for king James, &c. and cursing the prince and princesse of Orange: was bailed, himselfe in 200*l.*, and 4 sureties in 100*l.* each.

Capt. James Hamilton is also taken, but not yet examined.

Mr. Lasselles, a member of parliament, is made housekeeper of the excise, which Ferguson had, worth 400*l.* per ann.

A foreign mail wanting.

Thursday, 6th Aprill.—Our merchants had yesterday advice from Cadiz that the persons on board the French ships

belonging to Thoulon squadron drove into Leghorn give an account, that had not the storm seperated them, they were to have attacked the Spanish fort at Gribalter at the mouth of the Streights, and landed severall thousand men; and if they had taken it, they might have obstructed the whole English and Dutch trade to the Levant.

Yesterday was the tryall of a new invented musquet, of a single barrell, and one charge, which dischargeth 10 bulletts successively in the time an ordinary musket could be charged and discharged: the bullet was put in at the chamber of the gun with the powder, and a device to seperate each charge: it gave great satisfaction, and great numbers are bespoke.

One Hurst, a highwayman, is condemned at Lincolne.

Yesterday a highwayman was seized at the Sun tavern in Holborn, and committed to Newgate; and one Martin, supposed to be concerned in robbing lady Dartmouth and sir John Friend.

Sir Clowdesly Shovell is made one of the commissioners of the navy, with a salary of 1000*l.* per ann., the others being allowed but 500*l.* apeice.

130,000*l.* was yesterday issued out of the exchequer to pay of the fleet; and orders are come to pay the land forces 500,000*l.* more then last year.

Duke of Schonbergh setts forward to morrow for Savoy by way of Holland.

Wrote from Bristoll that 7 or 8 French privateers are cast away in the Bay of Biscay.

Orders are sent to Portsmouth for the fleet to sail; and will be convoyed by a squadron of men of war 200 leagues west of Scilly.

Edinburgh, 30th; yesterday came out the tryall of the lord Fazier, which was not over: the evidence was, he proclaimed king James, and prince of Wales to be his lawfull son, at the market crosse of Fiarleburgh; beleiv'd he will be found guilty.

Severall ships are arrived from Holland, on board of which is the duke of Gourdon.

A petition presented to the queen from the inhabitants of Jamaica, setting forth their great losse by the earthquake, desiring their majesties to continue coll. Beeston their governour,

a gentleman well experienced in their affairs, for that a new governour will putt them to a great charge by presents, &c.

This afternoon 2 foreign mails from Paris, that that king had made great numbers of generall officers, and will take the feild the middle of next month.

Duke of Savoy is on recovery.

An Algerine man of war of 44 guns is cast away on the coast of Spain.

Lord Paget is arrived at Adrianople; in his way discoursing count Teckeley; and there is yet hopes of a peace.

Satturday, 8th Aprill.—On Thursday last a proclamation was ordered for keeping a monthly fast every 2d Wednesday; and to begin here next month.

The admiralls attended the queen yesterday; and in a day or 2 goe on board, and continue till the fleet sails.

The French have taken 10 or 12 vessells sailing from Scotland to Flanders, with recruits and provisions, to the value of 40,000*l.*

The James gally hath taken and sent into Scilly one of king James privateers of 12 guns; and that the Deptford had sent to Plymouth a French ship laden with fruit, and was gone after a French privateer of 50 guns.

Scotch letters say that a verdict was given in there by the assizers before the lords justiciary, that the lord Frazier was not guilty of proclaiming king James and the prince of Wales, tho' he was present when others did it; that he had drank their healths as private men: but the kings advocate protested against this, and they against him for accusing them, which they lookt on as one of the greivances of the nation. His lordship was remanded to the castle, whither the duke of Gourdon was brought the same day in a coach; and sir Thomas Levingston from Leith, under a guard of horse; and that one Mackgee is taken there as a spy newly come from France.

Some moneys have been issued out of the exchequer pursuant to the late act for taking highwaymen.

The lord keeper is coming to Powis house; the master of the rolls is removed thence to the rolls in Chancery lane.

Mr. Methwin, the English ambassador at Portugall, has put in a memorial representing the French privateers taking of

English merchant ships, and bring them into the Portugueeze ports.

Paris letters say the French king designs for Flanders middle of May; that 17 regiments are ordered for Mons.

Hague, that the states have prohibited their fishery till their fleet being out.

From Savoy, that duke Savoy is pretty well recovered, and designs to head his army this campagne.

Earle of Middleton, sir Andrew Forester, and some others, formerly in custody, are said to be gone for France.

Duke of Barwick is made a lieutenant generall; Sarsfeild, a mareschall de camp; Skelton, a brigadeer of horse; and Wanhoop, a brigadeer of foot in France, amongst the rest of the generall officers there.

Wrote from Holland, the king of England had given audience incognito to the prince royall of Denmark.

This afternoon a foreign mail came in, which brings the king arrived at the Hague at 10 on Sunday night; count Guido of Starembergh is past thro' Cologne to meet his majestie at Brussells from the emperor, where will be a great congresse of the ministers of the allies.

The French are marking out a camp between Binch and Mons; and have viewed Charleroy with a body of horse.

Yet uncertain where D'estree is gone with the Thoulon squadron; some say to burn the Spanish fleet; others, that he is gone to the main ocean.

Newland the messenger is sent expresse to Ireland by the lord Nottingham; and letters to the lords lieutenants to make a reform in the officers of the militia, and to have them in readinesse.

Callo the highwayman was acquitted at Maidstone assizes; as also a mercer and strongwater man for robbing on Shooters hill in 1689, they proving they were at another place.

Captain Richardson had his pocket pickt this day of 14 guineas at market.

Experiment was yesterday made of an engine that will break any bomb or chain crosse a river.

Lord Cutts was this evening declared governour of the Isle of Weight.

Teusday, 11th Aprill.—On Satturday last a draught was

made of 8 men out of each company of the guards to be sent for Flanders.

The 2 marine regiments are ordered to be paid off their arrears.

Lord Cutts is to have 500*l.* per annum to keep a table; sir William Stephens will be continued deputy governour; and capt. Clerk commander of Cowes.

The lord mayor and aldermen congratulated the queen on his majesties safe arrival in Holland.

On Thursday next the queen goes to view the new hospitall at Greenwich for sick and wounded seamen; and will goe to Portsmouth to see the fleet.

Merchant letters say 2 French men of war have carried into Thoulon 7 English and Dutch prizes, laden with cloth, wooll, coffee, and other commodities, to the value of 700,000 livres.

Lord Falkland is made first commissioner of the admiralty.

Last week the university of Oxford, in testimony of their respect to their chancellor the duke of Ormond, made a present to his chaplain the bishop of Ossory elect of the degree of a doctor in a silver box.

Vienna letters say the baron Ogilli, with 800 men, made an incursion into the Turkish territories; burnt a town there, and 200 Turks in it; took 300 prisoners, and returned with a rich booty: they say the Irish lately come thither are to be sent on board their fleet there.

Flanders letters say, the elector of Bavaria has taken a review of all the forces quartered at Brussells, Louvain, and other places; and given orders that the officers continue with their troops on pain of cashiering; they say the French, who had posted themselves on one side of Charleroy, had thrown down their works and drawn off.

Our merchants daily expect the arrival of the Berkley Castle and the Mary, 2 rich ships from Leghorn, with coffee berries and other rich commodities.

Wrote from Barbadoes, that sir Timothy Thornhill and mounsieur Dubois have died of the sicknesse; but the island begins to be in a good state of health, and have 2 regiments ready to join sir Francis Wheeler on his arrival there.

A letter from Leghorn, from the chaplain to the English consull there, or from Mr. Pooleys chaplain at Turin, brought

by a merchant ship, sayes, 10 of the French capitall ships of D'estrees squadron were missing, thought to be cast away in the storm there; 5 of them were broke in peices on the coast of Scilly; and that D'estree was forced to quitt his own ship, and goe into a boat, but was not then heard off.

60,000*l.* was yesterday issued out of the exchequer to the officers of the ordnance for the descent.

Merchants have letters this day by the Spanish packet boat of the French privateers taking 9 of our Canary ships homeward bound, and that they carried them into a port in Portugall.

Orders are sent to the lords lieutenants and deputy lieutenants to disarm all disaffected persons, and to take an account of their horses.

Yesterday a great councill at Whitehall, the commissioners of the victualling office and of transportation attended, and the officers of the ordnance, and had some further directions in matters about the descent.

Foreign letters say the French fleet cannot be at sea till middle of June, they being very backward this year.

Foreign letters say the French begin to move in Flanders; if the weather permit, 'tis beleived they will sett downe before some towne: most conclude they designe upon Maestricht.

The arsenal without the town of Franckfort took fire by accident, blew up, and destroyed severall persons.

From Italy, that a bastion of Casal was fallen down, which will take the French up a month to repair it.

Still said the king will return in May and head the descent.

Advice to Whitehall, that the lord Middleton, lord Dunmore, sir Andrew Forester, &c. lately took shipping on the coast of Sussex, and gone for France.

Many merchants were this day at Whitehall to endeavour the taking of the embargo on shipping, representing the great damage they shall otherwise sustain, which is referred to the cabinet councill who meet this evening.

The Assistance frigat has sent into Plymouth a French vessell of 50 tunns, laden with wine and salt.

A foreign post wanting.

Thursday, 13th Aprill.—Thursday last 50,000*l.* was ordered to issue at the exchequer to pay off the yard at Portsmouth, and some of the men of warr.

The 2 interlopers going to the East Indies are ordered to be stopt; and the company are ordered to buy their goods at a market price.

Edinburgh, the lords Ruthen, Abermuch Le Rosse, and 2 others, are sworn of the privy councill there; the earl of Crawford declined it.

4 French men of war between 40 and 60 guns lye in the soundings to wait for prizes.

The privateers of St. Maloes have taken 6 English and Dutch merchant ships homeward bound from Spain and Portugall.

Plymouth; the master of a French vessell sayes that the French king hath laid an embargo on all merchant ships under 20 guns, and on small privateers; that ten from 60 to 50 guns are gone to the West Indies from Brest; that 24 three deck ships and 16 of 50 guns lay in Brest road; that 4 new first rate ships of 100 to 120 guns are built; and that 2 little spy vessells were sent from Havre de Grace to discover our fleet at Spithead; and after landed some men to get intelligence.

Letters from Sicily give an account of another earthquake there since the former, which had overturned many of the houses left standing by the former, and had reduced that kingdome to a perfect chaos.

Sir John Cutler of Westminster lies very ill; he sent for his daughter and the earle of Radnor, and told them he freely forgave them, and had setled his estate to their satisfaction.

A proclamation is published at Edinburgh promising a full indemnity to all soldiers, either at home or abroad, that shall return to their respective regiments in 2 months.

Said the French had corrupted some persons on board the Spanish vice admirall to sett fire on that ship when the French should approach them; for which 6 were detected, and hanged in sight of the French; one of them was the vice admiralls preist.

2 proclamations will be speedily published; one, for a monthly fast every 2d Wensday in the month; the other, for seizing all serviceable horses of papists, or all disaffected persons.

The 6 East India ships lye in the Downes waiting for a fair wind to sail; they are mounted from 36 to 50 guns; they are to goe under the great convoy off the Landsend, and then to sail to India.

The queen this day, according to custome, distributed in the banquetting house, &c. money to a great many poor persons, 43 men and 31 women; the crowd was soe great, a woman and a boy were prest to death.

From Hamburgh wrote, the queen of Sweden lay a dying; publick prayers are ordered in all the churches of that kingdome: 'tis said 6000 Swedes are to serve under our king.

5000 carcasses are preparing by the officers of the fireworks; which stand the king in each 10*l.*, in all 50,000*l.*; they are to carry a barrell and ½ of powder apeice.

Lord Coningsby of Ireland is as this day sworn of the privy councill here.

From Copenhagen wrote, the treaty of commerce between Sweden and Denmark is ratifyed, wherein 'tis agreed noe privateer shall come into any of their harbours.

Mr. Richard How, one of the commissioners of the victualling, dyed on Tewsday night, and one Mr. Feilding succeeds him.

Earle of Bath has bought the rangership of St. James's park of Mr. Harbord.

A Dutch merchant man was taken by 2 French men of war, who took out the best of the goods, sett the men on shore, and then burnt the ship, declaring they had orders to serve all that fell into their hands soe.

Mr. Penn of Bucks has been lately robbed.

Satturday, 15th Aprill.—Yesterday was published their majesties proclamation appointing a generall fast to be observed throughout this kingdom for imploring a blessing and protection of their majesties persons, and prosperity of their arms by sea and land, to be kept on Wensday the 10th of May next, and thenceforth the 2d Wensday in every month till further order.

Paris, 10th, Mr. Vauban, having been some time in private with the king, is gone to Flanders.

The armies under Boufflers and Luxemburgh will act seperately: 15,000 oxen are ordered to be sent to the Netherlands, with what corn we can spare; but bread corn is extream scarce in most parts of that kingdome, which makes the miseries of the poor very great.

Thursday last a petition presented to her majestie in council, signed by severall members of parliament, aldermen and

merchants of this citty, intimating the East India company having made a default in not paying their 1st quarterly payment of the tax assessed on their joint stock the 25 of March last, their charter was become void by act of parliament, praying to be heard thereon; and the petition is referred to Mr. attorny and Mr. sollicitor to consider thereof: the company have since paid their tax; their actions are fallen from 150 to 116 per cent.

Yesterday earle of Bathes patent came to the secretaries office constituting his lordship sole lord lieutenant of Cornwall and Devon, and custos rotulorum thereof.

The king has sent an engineer to the Isle of Weight, with order to make a detachment out of 2 regiments to fortifie Newport; his majestie being resolved to lay out 60,000*l.* in fortifyeing the Isle of Wight and Portsmouth.

Yesterday one Clark, an engineer, formerly at Buda, was seized by a messenger.

A great scuffle has been at Shaftsbury between the soldiers and townesmen, and 5 or 6 killed: the matter will be heard before the councill.

Parson Pew was convicted at Hereford assizes for drinking king James health, and fined 50*l.*, and to find sureties for 7 years.

The queen has ordered the lord Cutts to change the garison of the Isle of Wight for 6 companies of brigadeer colliers.

The councill have ordered noe waterman shall have a protection from pressing, but that a draught be made out of the king and queens watermen for seamen to help to man the ships newly launched.

All the 3d rate ships are ordered to take their pilots on board, and make the best of their way to the Downes, being compleatly mann'd, as generally the whole fleet are, where they will wait till the Dutch joyn them.

A French spy boat, who came out of Dunkirk, and had been viewing our fleet, was taken by one of our guard ships, and sent into Chattham.

This day sir John Cutler dyed, worth 300,000*l.*; and as yet no will is found; if soe, the estate will come to the lord Radnor, who married his daughter.

Teusday, 18th Aprill.—Yesterday the bishop of Lincolne

preached the Spittle sermon before lord mayor and aldermen, according to custome, at St. Brides church, where about 300 blew coat boyes were.

The 2d rate ships are all ordered to Spithead in order to be paid off, whither a good summe will be sent.

Vice Admirall Allemond is come into the Downs with 10 Dutch men of war, and sayes their whole quota will be here in 15 dayes.

A list is given in to secretary Trenchard of most of the disaffected persons in the several counties of England.

Sunday morning last 2 clippers made their escape out of Newgate, but were retaken the next day, and recommitted.

A gentleman and his man were sett upon near the Devizes by 4 highwaymen; one they killed, wounded a 2d, and the other 2 fled.

From Portugal wrote, the queen dowager of England presented the queen of Portugall with a pair of pendant diamonds; cost 24,000*l.* formerly.

His majestie in the assembly of the states was pleased to expresse himselfe to this effect: That as soon as he had adjusted his affairs in England he was come over to use all his endeavours for the common good; that he would ever acknowledge their care and industry which they had used as an example to others, promising them he would alwayes endeavour to concurr with their lordships, and would use his utmost force to defend them and the confederates whenever they should be attaqued; and hoped God would be pleased to blesse the arms of the confederates this next campagne; and thanks them for the noble reception they gave him, in coming in a body to meet him. The states returned his majestie thanks for his most noble speech, and for the honour he did them in appearing in their assembly.

The Holland St. Tubes fleet are hired for transport ships in the descent.

Paris letters say their troops on the frontiers are ordered to be in readinesse to march; and give out that their fleet will consist of 90 men of war in the line of battle this summer; and confirm the arrival of the lord Middleton there at St. Germains; and was made prime minister and secretary of state to king James in the room of lord Melfort.

The news of the losse of 9 French privateers on the coast of Biscay is confirmed; one of them carried 52 guns, the rest from 12 to 40; and had on board 1500 seamen, most of which are drowned; the storm being soe violent, they had not time to save themselves in their boats.

A foreign post this morning from Turin sayes, the Germans and Spaniards have possessed themselves of all the avenues leading to Casal in order to beseige it; the French therein want provisions.

Many persons are fled out of the conquered Flanders into that part in the confederate's hands, their miseries under their new masters being insupportable.

The elector of Saxony will send 14,000 men to joyn the confederates on the Rhine, and begin their march on the 1st of May.

Prince Lewis of Baden, 'tis said, will open the campagne with the seige of Philipsburgh or Landau.

Said the lord Sidney will be made an English earle; and sir Charles Porter, chancellor of that kingdome, will be made a baron of the same.

This dayes forreign post sayes the French will not be able to open the campagne till the grasse is grown, for want of forage; and that their commissaries on mustering their horse find them to be 8 or 9000 lesse then the last campagne.

That the imperial army is to rendevouze at Peterwaradin, and not at Buda; they'l consist of about 50,000 men, to be commanded by the duke de Croy, the emperor having resolved prince Lewis shall command on the Rhine.

The prince royall of Denmark parted from Amsterdam the 18th, in the admiralty yatch, for Friez, and thence for Copenhagen.

The lords of the admiralty had yesterday an account from Cork in Ireland, of the 4th instant, that divers English mariners were landed there; and brought cer[ti]ficates of the 5th of March from Bilboa that they were taken by the French, and retaken by the Spaniard; and brought an authentick list of 9 French privateers cast away in the bay of Biscay, and most of them drowned, naming the ships, commanders, and number of guns; viz. 10 of 50; 1 of 44; 1 of 40; 2 of 36; 10 of 32; 1 of 28; and 2 of 22; besides the French merchant ships.

His majestie has given to Wm. Killigrew, esq. the coat in which he was shot on the shoulder at the Boyne; and 'tis now exposed to view in the Tower.

The kings yatches are to remain in Holland till his return hither.

The earle of Portland setts forward for Holland to morrow.

Mr. Duke, the poet, is made bishop of Man.

John Isham, esq., brother to sir Justinian, succeeds Mr. Edward Finch in place of secretary to the [earl of] Nottingham, who is retired into Lancashire to live with his brother the parson.

Upwards of 260,000*l.* is advanced on the million act.

Sir John Cutlers will was this day opened: he has left his estate in Yorkshire, Cambridgeshire, and elsewhere, as will make it up 6000*l.* per annum to the countesse of Radnor and her issue, and for want of which to goe to Mr. Boulter, his nephew, a grocer: he has also left her halfe his personall estate, being about 600,000*l.*; and of the other halfe, 1000*l.* to the blew coat hospitall, about 17,000*l.* among his poore relations, and the remainder to Mr. Boulter, who is also executor.

Thursday, 20th Aprill.—Paris, 22d, lieutenant generall count D'verne, being disgusted that he was not in the late promotion made a marshall of France, has sold his equipage, and resolves never to serve in the camp again; and others will doe the like: his majestie hath sent commissioners to see what damage the Thoulon squadron suffered in their late storm.

Mounsieur Catinat, having advice of the great preparations the Spaniard and Germans are making to beseige Casal, has sent 250 officers to throw themselves into the towne to supply the vacancies of those that were sick and dead there.

Wrote from Brest, that they are working on the grand fleet with their utmost diligence; two small squadrons that are gone to sea are countermanded, that they may be all in readinesse to joyn the Thoulon squadron, and soe to make head against the Dutch and English.

A French privateer came up the river intending to have seized the yatch that carried the money down to pay the fleet, but was taken, and she is now before Whitehall.

An English frigat of 50 guns has retaken three English ships from the French privateers on the northern coast.

The king has ordered all the English and Dutch men of warr to be at the rendevouze at Spithead by the 8th of May.

500 transport ships are taken up, severall of which will goe for Holland to fetch forces thence for the descent.

Yesterday a cabinet councill was held at the lord Nottinghams office, where the merchants attended, praying the embargo on the Virginia and the West India fleets might be taken off, which was ordered accordingly.

Harwich, 18th; the Vine pacquet has brought in here a Suede as prize, bound with pitch, tarr, &c. for Rochell.

Plymouth, 14th; this day arrived here sir Martin Beckman, cheife engineer; and the next day goes for Pendennis and St. Mawes to view the fortifications of those places.

Mrs. Hooker, grandaughter to sir William, who was on Teusday last to be married to sir Vincent Corbets son, having 10,000*l.* portion, was on Satturday last, contrary to her fathers consent, married to sir Thomas Rowse.

There being a reference from the councill to Mr. attorney generall to consider of the differences between the East India company and the interlopers, he this day made his report to the councill, on which they have ordered the 2 interlopers ships to sail.

Mr. secretary Trenchard has appointed Edward Cook, esq., of the Middle Temple, to be licencer of the presse.

Satturday, 22 *Aprill.*—Yesterday marquesse of Caermarthen, earle of Nottingham, and secretary Trenchard, with the lords of the treasury, went into the citty to borrow 200,000*l.* on the review of the poll, which the lord mayor and aldermen promised to use their interest to perform.

Baron Lechmore lies very ill.

Portsmouth, 20th; on Teusday 2 French sloops of 12 guns each came within Spithead with English colours, and laid on board a pressing smack, out of which they took 3 men, and got off.

Yesterday came in 2 Ostend privateers, and brought with them 2 French merchant men they took out of a fleet of 30 sail bound for Brest.

Plymouth, 18th; this day came in here the Rook frigat, capt. Mitchell comander, with a French prize, laden with salt, from Mentz; and forced on shore, near the Isle of Basse, an-

other French ship of 50 tunn, laden with wine and brandy; and mann'd out his long boat, and sett her on fire.

The queen about the 10th of May goes for Portsmouth to see the rendenvouze of the grand fleet.

This afternoon the queen went to Greenwich to see the new hospitall that is building there for sick and wounded seamen.

Sir John Mordant of the East India company designs to build 40 houses at Greenwich for as many decayed merchants, and will endow them with 30*l.* per ann. each.

The lord mayor, aldermen, and common councill have named a committee of 4 aldermen and 8 comon councill to consider of a bill to passe into an act to suppresse hawkers and pedlars.

The grand jury at York assizes tendred the oathes to the following persons, lawyers practising at the barr; viz. serjeant Lutwich, serjeant Ingleby, sir Wm. Dawson, Mr. Benson, Mr. Gill, Mr. Wilton, and Mr. Thornton, which they refusing to take were fined 40*s.* a man.

Weymouth, 19; yesterday came in here the Goodwin sloop from cruizing, who the day before mett with 3 French men of war, about 8 leagues from Portland, and fired severall guns after him, but did him noe hurt: notice sent to the lords of the admiralty.

This afternoon a foreign mail sayes little, only that marshall Boufflers is gone to Paris to take that king's instructions how to act in Flanders.

Teusday, 25th Aprill.—This day a foreign post; from Italy wrote, 2 Zeland privateers have taken 2 rich French merchant ships in the Mediterranean; one going from Thoulon to the Levant; the other coming from Alexandria to Thoulon.

From Paris, that 3 millions of livres were levyed on taverns and other publick houses to bear the charge of the band and arrear band, which is executed with great severity, seized on the goods of those not able to pay; that the bishop of Lyons has sent word to the king he was forced to use some of the corn in the magazine for support of the poor, who are in great distresse.

From Genoa, that the English consull there had received a good summe of money from England to pay the protestant troops in Piedmont under duke Schonbergh.

From Vienna wrote, that the Dutch ambassador, seeing the

Turks would not enter into a treaty of peace, desired leave of the grand vizier to return, but was refused till the campagne is opened.

A Dutch vessell is arrived at Cowes from the Madera's, with an account that sir Francis Wheeler got safe with his squadron to the West Indies on 23d January last.

The 2 young princes of Saxe Gotha are arrived here from Holland.

The lord Galloway, generall of the forces in Ireland, is arrived here from thence, and is going to the king in Flanders.

Yesterday Edward Nicholas, esq. was sworn treasurer to the queen in lord Bellamounts place.

Sunday last the princesse of Denmark came to St. James church in Piccadilly, it being the first time since her miscarriage.

8 of the clock Sunday morning the 1st and 2d rate men of warr were under sail from the buoy of the Nore for the Downes; the seamens wives were put into boats and sent ashore; one of them was sett upon by 8 men in a wherry, and robb'd of all the money they received for their husbands pay.

Wrote from Holland, count Solmes is order'd to Brussells, to supply the earle of Athlones place of commander, who is gone to hasten the raising 3 Walloon regiments.

This day the lord keeper, secretary of state, and lords of the treasury, went into the citty, and acquainted lord mayor, aldermen, &c. that the queen had great occasion to borrow 200,000*l.* on the million act, which they promised to use their endeavours to perform.

Edinburgh, 18th; secretary Johnston is arrived there; the parliament mett on Teusday, where the high commissioners commission was read, as also the kings letter; after which the house appointed one of each state to draw up an answer to his majesties letter, and adjourned to Friday.

Thursday, 27th Aprill.—Yesterday 16,000*l.* was brought in on the million act; there is in all brought in 306,000*l.*, and great summs are expected this week, the time for the survivorship expiring this week.

Marchionesse of Winchester brought to bed of a daughter; the queen went to visit her.

The citty of London, for better management of their re-

venue, have appointed a committee of 6 aldermen and 12 commoners to inspect the same.

A list of 80 highwaymen is given to the cheife justice in order to their apprehension, among which are several women.

20,000 firkins of butter have been lately bought up for the navy and the descent.

The admiralls yesterday took their leaves of the queen, and kist her hand, and had their finall instructions; and went hence for Portsmouth this morning to goe on board the fleet, which is coming about to Spithead.

The mayors, &c. of severall seaport townes have orders to send an account of what watermen ply in their rivers from 15 to 60.

Some troops of lord of Oxfords regiment of horse are to quarter at Portsmouth, while the grand fleet are at sea.

Dublin letters say 4 new regiments are raised in that kingdome.

A bill of high treason is found by the grand jury at Hicks hall against capt. Middleton, taken lately at Westminster, for clipping.

Vienna letters say, their troops under count Aversbergh were going to beseige Bihaltz on the river Urina, taking of which would cover Croatia against the infidells.

Holland letters say there had been no action between the confederates and the French, the great rains obstructing their stirring; that they talk there of sending for England 3 Walloon regiments of horse and 10 Dutch regiments of foot to be employed for the descent, the Dutch having hired as many Dutch in their stead.

There will be a camp formed at Hounslow; some of the forces are moving that way: the 40 wellboats are ordered to be got ready, which, with the 2 galliots for bombs, will fall downe the river with all speed.

A boat with men and women from the fleet was cast away, and all drowned.

Discoursed at court the king will return the beginning of next month to head the descent.

A person was this day convicted at sessions house for sacriledge, rape, burglary, murder, and robbing on the highway; all committed in 12 hours time.

45 men of war are now at Spithead, and others come in daily.

Brussells letters say the French will demolish Mountroyall and Treves; that the governour of Namur has exacted of the inhabitants 100,000 livres, and of the clergy 30,000 more.

Earle of Rochesters son died lately at the Madera's in the West Indies.

King James, they say, has made the lord Middleton duke of Newcastle.

A grand councill at Whitehall this day, where said the parliament was resolved to be prorogued to 19th of September next.

Foreign letters say, the lord Paget was to have his audience of the sultan himselfe, but the vizier retarded the same, by which it's concluded a peace depends much on the force the emperor will have in Hungary; and that the duke de Croy declines the command of the army in Hungary, unlesse he be independent from the councill of war; on which count Guido of Starembergh will, it's believed, command the same.

The sessions is now, where capt. Winter who headed the mob about 2 years since in White Fryars against the sheriffs of London, where 2 or 3 persons were killed, was found guilty of murder, and 2 persons swore at that time he proclaimed king James.

The justices of peace have set a price on corn; middling wheat at 56*s.* a quarter; middling sort of rye at 36*s.* a quarter; best barley at 30*s.* a quarter; clean beans at 26*s.* a quarter; garden beans at 50*s.* a quarter; pease and beans for horse and hogs at 24*s.* a quarter; white pease at 36*s.* a quarter; and middling oats at 16*s.* 6*d.*

The citty of London having resolved to improve their revenue to the utmost for paying the orphans, have appointed a committee of 6 aldermen and 12 commoners to make and receive proposalls touching the same.

Satturday, 29th Aprill.—A foreign mail this day of the 5th of May brings, that prince Phillip of Newburgh is dead; that the French design 2 camps on the Rhine, and will dispute the confederates passing it; that 3 French men were seized at Mentz setting fire to some materialls for making bridges.

That a train of 100 peices of cannon, 60 mortars, and 200

wagons laden with provisions, ammunition, &c. stand ready at the gates of Mons for some speedy enterprize.

That the king of Spain has been ill, but being let blood is much better.

Sir Thomas Southwell has a commission to inspect, let, and receive all arrears, &c. due in Ireland on the part of the crown lands, which were formerly the duke of Yorks; has received his instructions, and setts forward next week.

Advice from Bristoll, severall transport ships are taken up there to be joyned with 50 sail in King road from other parts, and are to goe for Ireland to fetch the forces design'd for the descent.

Yesterday one Martin and one Priestly were convicted at the Old Baily for robbing sir John Friends house at Hackney, on the evidence of Povey, one of their gang.

Capt. Middleton was also convicted for clipping.

Mr. Charlton, convicted last sessions for assaulting Mr. Lambe the goldsmith, was also tryed on the Coventry act for dismembring him, but the jury acquitted him.

Mr. Abraham Chambers, an eminent goldsmith in Fleet-street, was sett on by 8 highway mennear Stratford in Essex, and endeavouring to ride from them was run into the body by one of them, of which he presently died; there was another in company, but he submitting to be quietly robb'd, they did it, and let him goe.

The councill have given the earle of Danby a command of a man of war, with an independent flag.

Last night sir John Cutler, who has layn some dayes in state, was honourably interr'd in St. Margarets, Westminster.

Weymouth, 26th; this day past by this port the William privateer with 2 French prizes of 60 and 90 tunn, laden with wine, salt, &c. from Rochelle.

The Ashby caper is alsoe come in with a French prize of 80 tunn; and the John and Richard with another of 50 tunn, laden with wine and brandy.

Teusday, 2 *May*.—Sunday last, being the queens birth day, the guns were discharged at the Tower as usuall; and the next day the nobility congratulated her majestie thereon; and at night was a great ball at court.

On Satturday one Mr. Lister was seized at Westminster, and

committed to the Gatehouse by 3 justices for malitiously burning divers of the queens proclamations for a fast, and making his brags of it in a letter under his own hand.

Yesterday hapned a contest at new Exchange between severall masters and apprentices about shutting up the great doore of the Exchange, as being holyday; some of the servants were carried before a justice for disobeying their masters, but the justice advised the masters to permit them to keep their antient custome.

One Faucet seized lately at Yarmouth, and committed, having some of king James declarations about him.

Some information being given of 2 persons lately landed in Kent from France, a messenger was sent downe, who brought them both up to Southwark; one of them, one Jones, made his escape; the other, Nosworthy, is in custody.

The queen went lately on board Mr. Shores pleasure boat against Whitehall, and heard a consort of musick, vocall and instrumentall; it was built for entertainment, having 24 sash windows, and 4 banquetting houses on top.

On Satturday in the evening, between 11 and 12 at night, the sessions ended, and 20 men and women received sentence of death at the sessions house; and one Mr. Salisbury, a minister in Sussex, was fined 100*l.* for dispersing a scandalous libell.

At Shrewsbury we hear one Evans, with 300 of the mob, went to the place and made proclamation against carrying corn out of the nation, which might occasion a famine; in the evening the mayor seized the ringleader, but the next day the mobb opened the prison and released him.

Some disorder has been at Lime on the like account.

A scandalous pamphlet goes about, entituled A French Conquest neither desireable nor practicable.

The committee of elections in Scotland mett the 24th of last month, and presented to the parliament the following resolution; That each dissenting member not appearing be fined, and deprived of their commission, and a new member chose in their room; and accordingly the house ordered each peer shall be fined 100*l.* sterling, a baron 50*l.*, and burgesse 18*l.*; and all boroughs to elect new members that doe not appear and take the oaths by the 15th of May: the committee of trade

presented a bill for packing and pickling of herrings: secretary Jonston moved the committee of safety to consider of the differences occasioned by the election of magistrates for Edinburgh, the affair of the rabble, and the desertion of the independent company at Glasco, all which he beleived were fomented by the Jacobites: a commission was also read constituting the lord Drumlanrig lord high treasurer of Scotland: duke Hamilton has appointed a fast for a blessing on the king and the confederate armes, to be kept every 2d Thursday in every month: the parliament after voted the raising 4 regiments of foot and 2 of dragoons; and they continue the old assessment of 16,000*l.* per ann., and add a new one, a supply of 114,000*l.* sterling, to be raised in 18 months, to maintain them.

The Windsor Castle run on the tongue of the Goodwin sands; carried 90 guns, which are all taken out, with her shot, powder, &c., but 'tis beleived the ship will be lost.

5 regiments are ordered to embarque at Portsmouth on board the fleet for some secret design.

The Windsor Castle, with the lower tyre of her guns, will be lost; the losse computed at 60,000*l.*

Last Dutch post brought orders from the king that 5 regiments, Colliers, Tiffanies, Loyds, Ingoldsby's, and Hamiltons, forthwith march to Portsmouth to goe on board the grand fleet; the design not known.

Some light frigats are ordered to Scotland to secure their trade; they are to man, pay, and victuall them, and to keep them noe longer then till they can build some of their own.

Sir George Downing, who disowned this government at the beginning of the revolution, and quitted his place of teller in the exchequer, and refused his rent on king William and queen Mary's guineas, Sunday last got leave to kisse the queens hand, and has taken the oaths to this government.

Lord Danby is made commander of the Royal William; there are 31 men of war in the Downs, the Britannia admirall.

The sessions began at the Old Baily on the 26th of last month, and held the 27th, 28th, and 29th of last month; where 13 were burnt in the hand, 15 were ordered into their majesties service, 20 received sentence of death, and 7 ordered to be whipt.

Satturday last that part of the million act which was upon survivorship was closed; on which there is paid in 376,600*l.*, and now the 14*l.* per cent. takes place.

A foreign mail is wanting.

This afternoon one Anderson, a printer, with his private presse, was seized in St. James street, whence most of the Jacobite books have come.

Thursday, 4th May.—On Teusday last Stephens the messenger seized a private printing presse at a carpenter's house in St. James street, Westminster; the printer, one Anderson, was taken at the same time, and committed to Newgate; a great number of seditious pamphlets were seized there; one, an historicall account of the warrs between Ludovicus and prince Nassovius, with severall others.

The same day a preist was seized near Ludgate with scandalous papers about him against the government.

The same day, being the first day of the term, the lord keeper went in state to Westminster, accompanied by many noblemens coaches, Norfolk, Devon, Dorset, Stamford, Rochester, Newport, Lindsey, Clare, Macclesfeild, Manchester, Pembroke; 12 lords of the privy councill honoured him with their presence, and sat with him some time in court.

Last Satturday a gentleman made his escape out of a madhouse near to St. Jones, and went to the next constable to guard him to a justice of peace, where the doctor of the madhouse appeared: the gentleman told the justice a near kinsman had confined him there for lucre of his estate, with the doctor in confederacy with him, and kept him there, tho' he was very well: he said at his first coming thither 2 or 3 men came and tyed his hands, and then forced a potion down his mouth, which intoxicated him; but having an old knife in his pocket, he hackt it into a saw, so saw'd the iron staple in the window, and made his escape: this matter is to [be] heard in councill; and 'tis beleived will occasion a search thro' all the madhouses in town, to see if any the like artifices be used.

Yesterday 100,000*l.* was paid out of the exchequer for the seamen; and 34,000*l.* was brought in on the annuity of 14*l.* per cent.: 7 men of war of the Zeland squadron are arrived to join the fleet.

From Portsmouth wrote, sir George Rook will sail in few dayes for the Streights, and take on board 3000 men on some secret design.

The East India ships and the interlopers designed thither are all sailed, and the companies actions are fallen to 95 per cent.

Yesterday a councill of war was held on board the Britannia by the 3 admiralls for tryall of Harris the pilot, who left the Windsor Castle.

The ship Joseph of Rosse, come into Falmouth from St. Maloes, is seized on suspition of being a spy, the men being all Irish.

An order is sent from the treasury to the exchequer for the lord Ranelagh to have a million of money for the land forces.

Last night a Dutch mail sayes, that the king of Portugall was going to send 50 preists of severall orders to China to promote the Romish religion there.

From the Hague, that a motto was put up there, the king of England has put off his journey to the Netherlands; that they had an account from Lyons all the considerable merchants and men of estates had removed their effects thence, on apprehension of the duke of Savoys marching that way, and enter France; and that the French all along the coasts of Britanny and Normandy were in great consternation on the descent threatened from England.

Edinburgh letters say severall persons are taken up there, among them a young lady, for corresponding with France.

2 of the Irish officers, formerly prisoners in the Savoy, that were sent beyond sea, are lately landed from France, and seized.

At Worcester there had been great disorders about buying up the corn, cheese, and butter, &c.; and that the mayor had been forc'd to call the militia to his aid.

A rich Dutch merchant has proposed to the king of Spain to build and equip 40 men of war in 4 years time, provided his majestie will advance a fund, and assign the rest out of a revenue from the Indies; which will be agreed to.

From Genoa wrote, that 12 of the Thoulon squadron were refitted, and sailed to the isles of Hieres, in order to come into the ocean, leaving the remainder to joyn the gallies to oppose the Spanish armado.

From Paris, that mareschall Tourville was at Brest bringing

the fleet into that road as they were equipt; they will amount to 72 sail, besides the Thoulon squadron; 'tis said 2 gallies are come to St. Maloes to guard that port from any bomb vessell.

Thompson the messenger is sent to the Gatehouse for suffering to escape out of his custody one Jones, a dangerous person, who was last week apprehended; together with one Mr. Nosworthy, now in custody, going to France.

Satturday, 6th May.—On Thursday night a great councill at Whitehall, where the lords of the admiralty, commissioners of the victualling office, officers of ordnance, and those belonging to the transport ships, attended, and gave an account of the forwardnesse the preparations are in for the descent, except the soldiers, which are not yet arrived from Ireland and Scotland.

Lords of the admiralty went to Woolwich yesterday to see 6 great mortars tryed.

2 clippers yesterday taken in Graies Inn lane, and committed to Newgate for high treason; clipping sheers, &c. were found with them.

On Thursday last at 8 in the morning the grand fleet sailed out of the Downs for Spithead; 6 regiments are to goe on board them at Portsmouth, whither they march next week.

Lord Lexington and Mr. Roberts, brother to the earle of Radnor, are preparing to goe volunteers into Flanders.

The transport ships are all ordered for Spithead by 14th of June at farthest, where they rendevouze.

The Warwick frigat we hear was blown up at Barbadoes; and the Windsor Castle is entirely lost, all being now under water.

Letters from Flanders from 2 persons of note say, 700 Swisse have deserted the French, and come over to the confederates at Breda, and more wait for like opportunity, disoblidged by their pay; the whole number of them in the French army make up 30,000 men; and those in the frontier garisons of them are drawn out, and ordered to the inland townes: secretaries letters say nothing of this.

Some private letters from Paris, 200 die daily there of a malignant distemper.

The East India company are fallen very low their actions; and now they have a project to raise more money, by every owner to advance 50*l.* for every 100*l.* stock there.

15 persons out of Newgate were sent yesterday under a guard to goe on board a vessell to serve in Flanders.

2 persons were seized yesterday at Westminster for clipping, and sent to the Gatehouse.

A patent is past the seals to create serjeant Hutchins the kings serjeant.

The almanack printed at Millain for 1693 sayes, in Aprill a great king shall crosse the seas; in May, a great towne shall be taken, and another laid in ashes; in June, a great sea fight; in July, a great river in Europe stained with blood; in August, great islands shall rebell; and in September, a generall peace.

The Rochester, a new 4th rate ship, is feared to be lost, being ordered to Spithead, and is not heard of since.

Divers of the nobility and gentry were present at the experiment of the 6 mortars of 70 hundred weight a peice, 18 inch and halfe diameter, shoots a ball of 500 pound weight, and 25 pound of powder to discharge it; also 6 brass cashee peices of between 60 and 70 hundred weight each, to shoot granadoe's thro' the side of a ship, then breaks and setts fire to the same; the 1st and 2d rate ships are to carry each two of the cast; another, of the violence of burning carcasses, to be thrown into townes.

A foreign mail of the 12th sayes the king is come to the Hague; and that the towne of Dort have delivered a remonstrance to the states to have the 2 Alewyns out of the possession of the justice court of Holland to try themselves.

From Paris, that their king and generall officers sett forwards as of this day; the king for Flanders; dauphine for the Rhine; duke of Orleans, marshalls Belfonds, Humieres, and D'estree for the coast of Normandy, Brittany, and Picardy.

From Turin, that the duke of Savoys forces were drawing together in order to take the feild.

Deal, 4th; lord Galloway is arrived here, and goes on board the Greenwich frigat for Holland.

Tewsday a pinnace belonging to the fleet was cast away, and all the men drowned; and the weather has been soe tempestuous that noe boat can come or goe to the fleet.

Capt. Withers and others, committed for embezilling the kings stores, are to be tryed on 24th at kings bench barr.

Admirall Mitchell lies ill of a feavour.

Queen has been to visit the countesse of Radnor on the death of her father Cutler.

The dead warrant is come downe for executing 10 of the criminalls on Monday and capt. Winter on Teusday.

Dr. Oates pention is reduced to 200*l.* per ann.

A French caper took a victualler from between 2 men of war, of which the transport commissioners intend to complain to the admiralty.

Parliament mett the 2d of May, and were by commission prorogued to 19th Septemb. 1693.

Teusday, 9th May.—Last night a foreign post; Hague, 14th; the king has been in the assembly of the states, where the 2 Aleweyns were examined: the matter is kept secret, but 'tis beleived they are very guilty, because one, who was only confined to his house, is now sent to prison. His majestie goes hence to morrow for Breda.

The Germans on the Rhine are marching towards Gortock, where will be the generall rendevouze; and the French are drawing together near Landau, to hinder the Germans passing the Rhine.

Letters from Poland say the hospodar of Moldavia was dead, and was succeeded by his younger son.

The elector of Cologne has sent 700 of his forces to Brabant to joyn the confederates.

From Italy, that great disorders have hapned in Montferrat for not paying the contributions to the Germans; they entered the town of Penzoon with sword in hand, and being opposed by the peazants, severall were kill'd on both sides; and the soldiers pillaged the towne.

Deal, 7th; the Ossory is now the only man of war that rides in the Downes; having received some damage, stayes to refitt, and then sails for the grand fleet.

There is now 70 sail of men of war, English and Dutch, at Spithead; and when the Zealand squadron have joined them, they make 84 sail for the line of battle.

The 2 yatchs that staid in Holland are come on this side.

The lord Galloway is gone to his majestie for instructions about the descent, on whose return that matter depends.

The well boats are sailed towards Spithead, and all things about the descent goes on.

8 malefactors were yesterday executed at Tyburn; but Middleton, Martin, and Winter were repreived; on which the lord mayor and aldermen this day agreed on an addresse to the queen to have them executed.

Scotch letters say, one Maggee, servant to the lord Melfort, has laid before the parliament severall papers, which being examined, it appears an invasion was designed in that kingdome from abroad, and an insurrection at home; and 'tis said they were to have been assisted by a body of Danes from abroad.

Yesterday 6 serjeants of foot and a corporall were committed to the Marshalsea for cheating publick houses, and making them pay money to soldiers when they had [none].

Thursday, 11 *April* [*May*].—Yesterday, being the first of the monthly fasts, was solemnly observed here; the bishop of Norwich preached before the queen in the chappell royall, the earle of Westmorland carrying the sword.

A tally is struck in the exchequer for paying severall months arrears to the forces that served in reducing Ireland, as also the 2 marine regiments.

On Teusday night a cabinet councill at Whitehall, where the lords of the admiralty attended, and received their instructions in relation to the fleet, which 'tis expected will sail in few dayes: the 5 regiments I formerly mentioned goe on board the fleet next Monday.

Wrote from Portsmouth, that they are busie in paying of the men of war that were not paid at the buoy in the Nore.

7 of our frigats are ordered to cruize before Dunkirk, to watch the motions of the French privateers, and to prevent the men of war there from coming out.

On Teusday night, one Dupiee, a Jersey parson, in custody of a messenger for dispersing libells, broke an iron barr of a window 2 pair of stairs, and let himselfe downe by the cords of the bed, and made his escape.

Coll. Parker, lately seized coming from France, and made his escape, was seen publickly bowling in the mint in Southwark; notice of which being sent to the secretaries office, a messenger with 6 files of musqueteers was sent to secure him, but came too late, he being gone.

500,000*l.* is now come in on the project act, and 120,000*l.* on the loan the citty makes to the crown thereon.

The officers of the army have represented to the queen, that by reason of the dearnesse of provisions, the soldiers could not subsist if they encampt; promising, if they might be continued in their quarters, they should by a day prefixt be at the place of rendevouze; on which, 'tis said, the camp will be put off.

Wrote from Paris, that the detachment sent to guard their coasts for fear of a descent consisted of 20,000 regular troops.

A gentleman from Flanders in the last packett sayes, severall regiments of horse and foot are drawing towards Ostend to embarque for the descent.

He confirms the account we had of the Switz deserting the French army daily.

Satturday, 13th May.—Yesterday 100 bombs were shipt off at the Tower for the descent.

Our merchants have letters from the West Indies, which say, the English have beat the French out of that part of St. Christophers they had, and taken the towne, and destroyed most of their sugar canes, and brought off much booty; and have published a proclamation there to pardon all the buccaneers that will assist in taking Martineco.

The emperors envoy went to sir Robert Howards office, auditor of the excise, to know if the king of the Romans might amongst the rest advance money on the annuity of the million act, and was answered in the affirmative.

From Portsmouth, the Victory, a 1st rate ship, is found leaky, and is ordered into dock, to be made fitt for service.

Colonell Goddard, governour of Bermudas, embarkt at Portsmouth with all his family in the St. David, and is sailed thither; he is to be allowed 500*l.* per annum, besides the perquisites of his government.

Yesterday a foreign mail brings, that the 2 criminall burghers remain in prison; part of their accusation is, holding a long correspondence with France; 2d, their contriving to blow up the king and the states when at chappell on a fast day; 3d, designing to kill general Talmash and other great officers; 4, had pentions to induce the states to make a league offensive and defensive with France; and 5, to stirr up a rebellion in England and Scotland.

Flanders letters say, the French king intended to be at Valenciennes the 23d, S. N.; at Mons the 25th, and soe enter

upon action: the court ladies are to continue at Lisle and Valenciennes.

From Aix la Chappelle, that some of the Brandenburgh troops had mett with a party of French, killed 150, and took 40 prisoners, with the losse of 30 killed and wounded.

That the troops on the Rhine begin to be in motion as well as those in Flanders.

The king is at Breda, where on his arrivall he was let blood, and is very well.

4 English vessells are taken on the coast of Lincolnshire, laden with provisions and stores going to France.

The queen has ordered lord Caermarthen, Devon, Dorset, Rochester, Pembroke, and secretary Trenchard, to goe to Portsmouth to inspect the fleet, and give necessary orders; and they went this afternoon.

The councill have ordered capt. Winter, Middleton, and Martin to be executed as soon as the date of their repreives are out.

Two ships are fitting out for whale fishing, one of 34, the other of 26 guns.

It is said the cantons of Zurick in Switzerland have declared for the confederates against France.

They say prince Lewis of Baden has drawn his troops about Philipsburgh, in order to beseige that place, having a great artillery with him.

Scotch letters say, a herald and trumpeter were sent to the Basse with proposalls; and those within let down a bucket with an answer, adding, if they came again they would sink them.

The parliament at Scotland have laid an excise on beer, ale, and brandy.

2 persons come over in the packet from Flanders say, that at Dunkirk they heard corn was sold at 14*s.* a bushell, and flesh for 8*d.* per pound; and that the French horse are soe poor, many of them are unserviceable.

The electoral prince of Hanover will make the campagne this summer in Flanders.

The emperor had forbid the military execution against the dukedome of Modena for denying to pay contributions.

That the French are preparing to dismantle the fortifications

of Nice and other places in Savoy in order to draw out the garisons, to make head against the confederates.

The elector of Saxony will leave the comand of his troops to generall Shovell, declining to make the campagne in order to prevent disputes about precedency in command.

Plymouth, 9th; yesterday the Abigail and another ship arrived from Newfoundland.

5 ships laden with salt are come from Lisbon; they came with 50 English and Dutch, which they suppose are putt into Ireland.

Dartmouth, 9th; yesterday the Virginia fleet, about 100 sail, past by to the westward under the convoy of 12 men of warr, 2 of which goe the voyage with them, and the rest return after they have seen them 100 leagues at sea.

Beleived the queen will goe on Monday to see the fleet before they sail; they consist of 83 men of war for the line of battle.

Teusday, 16th May.—Last night a foreign mail brings nothing materiall. From Turin 'tis wrote, that the marquess de Leganez and generall Caprara being apprehensive that the popes offers might induce the duke of Savoy to make a seperate peace, have prevailed with his royall highnesse to signe a new alliance for 3 years: they say that the duke of Savoy is like to recover.

From Paris of the 16th wrote, that king was on his journey to Flanders; the duke of Orleans has received his last instructions to defend the coasts, on which will be divers camps of 60,000 men each in a body.

That the French design to have 3 camps in Flanders, the biggest near Courtray.

That his majestie of Great Brittain is gone to the army, having received advice from the elector of Bavaria that the French king was expected the 25th, their style, at Mons.

The younger Alewyn, seized in Holland for corresponding with France, makes a discovery of a design to induce the states to make a seperate peace with that crown, and other matters which are kept very private.

Plymouth, 10th May; last night the Germoon spy boat came in from cruizing near Brest, and brought with them a French fisher boat, the men of which say that on the 25th instant near

50 sail came into Brest, some of them men of warr, from Rochefort and Thoulon.

This day the York frigat brought in a French privateer of 26 guns (but can carry 40) and 150 men, which he took on Monday off the Lands End, after 6 hours fight, wherein 30 of the French were killed, and on our side the lieutenant and 3 men, and 14 men wounded.

Portsmouth, 14th; the Dutch Zealand squadron have joined our fleet at Spithead, and in their passage took a French privateer of 30 guns.

This day sir David Colliers regiment began to embarque; and all the 5 regiments will be on board by Tewsday: and as the letters came away, the lords of the cabinet councill, &c. were entring the town to hold a councill of war with the admiralls to give the last orders about the sailing of the fleet.

A hoy, in which were 30 persons, who had been selling commodities to the fleet, in her return last night to this place, run on a caple, which over set the hoy; all the people were drowned but 4.

The lord Cutts has displaced capt. Clerk from the government of Cowes in the Isle of Weight for some misdemeanour, and given it to capt. Darnell, an officer of 20 years standing in his regiment.

This day the Middlesex justices attended the lord keeper, who gave them in charge to put the lawes in execution against all prophaners of the Lords day.

The duke of St. Albans, lord Lexington, and Mr. Roberts, brother to the lord Radnor, went this morning to passe the campagne in Flanders.

His majestie has writt hither, that he has advice that the Thoulon squadron have joyned the French fleet near Brest.

Thursday, 18th May.—Upon summons from the lord keeper, the justices of Middlesex attended his lordship, who acquainted them he was commanded by the queen to let them know she had taken notice of the care they had used to put the laws in execution against prophanenesse and debauchery; and that 'twas her majesties pleasure they should imploy their utmost care therein, and particularly against tipling on the Lords day.

Capt. Winter was yesterday executed in Fleetstreet, opposite

to White Fryars: he died very penitently; and after he was cut downe from the gibbet, he was put into a coffin, and interr'd this evening.

Capt. Middleton and Martin are to be executed on Monday.

The lords returned from Portsmouth on Teusday evening; the councill was imediately summoned, and their lordships made report to the queen of the state of the fleet, what plight the ships were in, what men they had on board, provisions, &c.; whereon they were ordered to sail to morrow, if the wind sitts fair; the whole navy, with merchant ships and tenders, is 600 sail; sir George Rooke convoys the Streights fleet till out of danger, and then he returns and joins the grand fleet, which 'tis thought will anchor before Brest.

The Lisbon fleet of 40 sail are come to Dartmouth, and are coming east for the river.

Said the lord lieutenant of Ireland will be here in 3 weeks.

French letters give a lamentable account of the misery divers poor family's under goe in many parts of that kingdome for want of bread, soe that many live on roots and leaves; 7 persons famished near Roan; one or two were opened, and nothing found in their stomachs but leaves and grasse.

The French fleet will consist of 800 sail for the line of battle.

From Scotland, the parliament, 'tis said, have presented the following oath to be annexed to an act for horses and armes of disaffected persons, &c.: I A. B. doe sincerely promise and swear that I will be faithfull and bear true allegiance to king William and queen Mary, whom I own the only lawfull and undoubted soveraigns of this realm, as well de jure as de facto; therefore I doe sincerely promise and engage to defend and maintain their majesties title and government against the late king James and his adherents, and all other enemies and pretenders whatsoever, so help me &c.

Nevill Payne is brought from Sterling, and is secured in the Tolbooth, in order to be examined before the parliament about the late conspiracy; capt. Patten, capt. Moor, and one Fife, and others, abscond on account of that conspiracy.

The Fubbs and Mary yatchs are ordered to sail for Holland; some think his majestie may suddenly be here.

The two princes of Saxe Gotha are gone to Portsmouth to see our fleet.

There is now brought into the exchequer on the million act, the survivorship and annuity, 624,600*l.*

The master of a Dutch vessell sayes, that on the 8th instant 6 merchant ships, convoyed by an Ostender, were attackt by a Dunkirk privateer, on which the Ostender left them; the privateer burnt 4, after he had taken out their goods, but in his way to France was mett by a Dutch frigat, who retook the prizes, and brought them off.

The lord Capel, sir Robert Southwell, and sir Cyril Wyche are to be lords justices of Ireland.

The lord mayor and aldermen have seized 24 suspected horses at livery stables about London; noe one yet claims them; thought to belong to some highwaymen.

From Flanders wrote, the French king will act with 3 armies, consisting of 130,000 men, and will forthwith attack Brussells; the elector of Bavaria has 40,000 already at Dieghem; and about 30,000 English are encamped without Ghent.

The Streights fleet, Turky and Bilboa fleets, goe along with the grand fleet, and make in all about 7 or 800 sail; 'tis beleiv'd they will sail directly to Brest, and lye before that port, to brave them to come out and fight them, and to learn if the Thoulon squadron have joined them; if so, the merchant ships will be sent with small convoys; otherwise, a strong convoy will be sent able to fight the Thoulon fleet.

'Tis generally said lord Sidney will quickly return from Ireland, and be made master of the ordnance; and that the lord Capel, sir William Trumball, and Mr. Duncome, that was knight of the shire for Bedfordshire, be sent over lords justices of that kingdome.

Satturday, 20th May.—Lord Capell, sir Cyril Wyche, and Mr. Duncombe goe lords justices of Ireland, and were declared so yesterday.

A ship of 60 guns is to be launched at Southampton next spring tide, and another at Sheernesse of the same bignesse.

The Sussex, a man of war of 84 guns, is fitted up in the room of the Windsor Castle, lately lost on the Goodwin sands.

A foreign mail yesterday sayes, that 17 men of war were sailed from Port Lovis to Brest, and 4 more for Dunkirk; and there were in Brest 73 men of war, besides the 22 of D'estrees squadron coming from Thoulon, besides galliots, fireships, fly

boats; and that 35 gallies were fitting up at Marsailles to execute some design on that side: that their army in Germany is stronger then last year, and talk of beseiging Heidleburgh; and their army in Flanders much larger; and have with them 160 peices of canon for battery, 70 mortars, 10,000 bombs, 6000 granado's, and other things proportionable, and threatened to invest Oudenard or Ghent.

From Flanders, that the forces on all sides are in motion; and that the king was at the camp at Dieghem, where he took a review of the forces, and was in expectation of more troops, so that action is suddenly expected.

Mr. Martin, condemned for robbing sir John Friend, has discovered 2 goldsmiths who buyes plate of theives, and melts it down; and likewise some Jews that purchases their jewells and rings; and offers, in case of a pardon, all those that robbed the lady Dartmouth.

We hear now the fleet will not sail till to morrow or Monday.

15 months pay will be paid the marine regiments.

The officers of the train of artillery goe for Portsmouth on Monday next.

2 vessells with small arms were yesterday sent from the Tower to Portsmouth.

An Ostend privateer has sent into Dartmouth a French one of 6 guns; being a convoy to 7 vessells going with wine and brandy from Port Lovis to Brest for the fleet, and after pursued them.

The jury this day gave in a verdict at the court of exchequer in the cause between the kings receiver of Worcestershire and the county of Bucks that the 3000*l.* taken from him by highwaymen ought to be answered by the receiver to the king, and not by the county; found for the county against the receiver.

Leghorn letters say, 10 Algerine men of war were gone to join the grand seigniors fleet.

Vienna letters say, the duke de Croy is to comand in Hungary against the Turks.

From the Rhine wrote, the French had past it at Philipsburgh with 30,000 men, and moved towards Heidlebergh with design, as beleived, to beseige it.

An order is sent to the seaports to forbid transportation of corn for the future, to prevent further tumults.

2 more regiments are embarquing att Portsmouth on board the fleet.

Thursday evening was a hearing before the councill between Mr. Pavia and Mr. Phillips about the right of casting cannon in iron moulds; and adjudged it in favour of the latter, whose patent is now under seals.

Wrote from Naples, that one of the Spanish admiralls was on fire, and the whole fleet in danger of being burnt, but it was extinguished with little damage; concluded to be done by treachery.

Flanders; the French king arrived the 24th at Valenciennes; and would be the 26th at Mons.

22d, his majestie came from Breda to Dieghem; took a review of 24 batallions, where the elector of Bavaria mett him, and went together after for Brussells.

2000 French horse are past the Rhine at Philipsburgh, and a body of foot are preparing to follow; soe we expect to hear of great ravages there.

Cologne, 23d; the bishop of Munster has promised to employ all his troops for securing the Lower Rhine.

Hague; one of the Alewyns is sentenced to lose his head for holding correspondence with France, who were to beseige Maestricht; and he with his interest was to have influenc'd the town to surrender, and to have raised a mutiny in severall places.

An expresse is sent to Portsmouth to the admiralls on fresh advice they have received of the Thoulon squadron not to sail till Monday.

Paris letters say, the Thoulon squadron is ordered to continue in the Mediterranean to observe the Spanish fleet; and they will act defensively, with 60 men of war to guard their coasts.

Teusday, 23 *May*.—Yesterday a foreign mail, which sayes, from the camp at Diegem, May 28th, that the lord Colchester was made a major generall; that the king had marked out a camp at Anderleck, near Brussells, whither beleived they should march in 3 or 4 dayes; 'tis expected the French will open the campagne with the seige of Oudenard.

The elector of Bavaria received letters yesterday from Germany, which sayes the French army, above 50,000 men, marcht

to Heidlebergh, in which was a small garison, and having summoned the governour, he refusing, they stormed it in 3 several places, and, after an hours resistance, took it by assault, putting all that were in armes to the sword, save only such as retired into the cittadell, who made terms for their lives: the French found therein great store of hay, oates, &c. which was laid up there for the use of the confederate. This citty has been fortifying these 2 years, being the metropolis of the palatinate, from whence 'tis feared the French will march to Frankfort; but there are letters from Cologne say nothing of this being taken.

Vienna, 16th May; an expresse from Peter Waradin say the Turks have detacht 20 frigats, and 10,000 men from Belgrade, to attack that place, with orders to attempt the burning the emperors gallies and saiques on the Danube, but the German troops in the neighbourhood are marching to oppose them.

Naples, wrote, their viceroy holds frequent councills, being still afraid the count D'estree would attack them with his squadron, tho' letters from Genoa say he will steer his course for the coast of Catalonia: the Spanish armada is near ready to put to sea.

On Satturday night last and Sunday morning great numbers of a new declaration of king James were scattered thro' this citty, dated Aprill 17th, at St. Germains, wherein he pardons all those that doe not oppose his restauration, with many other promises: one Canning, a bookseller, and one Dorman, a wyre drawer, are apprehended for it, and sent to Newgate.

Yesterday, Middleton the clipper and Martin the housebreaker were executed at Tyburn.

A French spy, taken at Harwich just on his landing from Holland, was examined at secretary Trenchards office.

500 waggons are ordered to be imprest and sent to Portsmouth for the kings service for the descent.

A gentleman that left Portsmouth this morning at 6 say the admirals had received sayling orders, and given notice to the rest, and their topsails were loose, being the signal of sailing.

Harris, pilot of the Windsor Castle, has been tryed, convicted, and sentenced for 7 years imprisonment, and never to be employed in the kings service, and carryed from ship to ship with a rope about his neck.

Thursday, 25th May.—Yesterday an expresse to Whitehall at 4 from Portsmouth giving notice the fleet set sail that morning at 4; as also the Turky and Streights fleet under their convoy, with several other outward bound merchant ships, making in all 5 or 600 sail, under a fair wind, and sailed westward; beleiv'd the grand fleet may lye before Brest, and a squadron may convoy the Streights fleet out of danger, and then return.

Plymouth; the Barbadoes and New England fleet of 35 sail went thence under convoy of the Samuel and Henry; but the outward bound East India ships lye there till the grand fleet come up.

Mayor of Worcester hath sent up to the secretary 20 of the late kings declarations, which were sent to severall persons in that citty.

Canning and Dorman, committed for dispersing them, are in for high treason, and will be speedily tryed.

'Tis said the French privateers have taken 20 of our mackrell boats, and some colliers.

From Deal wrote, 112 victuallers and tenders are sailed out of the Downs to joyn the fleet; as the St. David also did, who hath on board coll. Goddard, governour of Bermuda's.

All the transport ships have orders to sail for Spithead to rendevouze there; the troops design'd for the descent are all within 40 miles of Portsmouth, except those that come from Scotland and Ireland.

Dr. Aglionby will be sent ambassador to Savoy in room of Mr. Pooley, who declined it.

Edinburgh; the secretary of state complained there against some persons for publishing their votes; then they read the act for all persons but doctors of physick to take the oaths: the lord Cardrosse lyes at the point of death.

Last night was a fire at Whitehall in the room over Mr. Fleetwood Shepherd, but being timely discovered it did noe harm, only burnt the furniture of the room.

This morning great search was made after treasonable pamphlets.

The mareschall de Lorges from Heidlebergh advanced to Wislock, a garison of the allies, 3 leagues wide of Heidleburgh.

The emperor, 'tis said, has recalled his ambassador from Poland.

Elector of Hanover and Zell has forbidden to carry corn or wood into the citty of Wolfembottle, on severe penalties.

The French ambassador in Switzerland has prevailed with the cantons of Zurick and Berne not to suffer any levies within their territories for Holland; but the Grizons permit them.

A great tumult hapned at Lyons on the 20th, occasioned by the bakers and mealmen putting earth into their meal and bread, divers being killed and wounded.

The garison of Alost in Flanders are drawn out, and the fortifications are ordered to be razed.

An expresse is sent to his majesties advocate in Scotland to prosecute Nevill, Payne, and others for treason.

Orders are sent to hasten the forces from Scotland and Ireland for the descent; and this afternoon the lords of the admiralty consulted with the cabinet councill relating to the same.

3 frigats are ordered to convoy from Holland 12 vessells with new invented mortars, and other engines of that nature, to be employed in the descent.

Weymouth, 22d; just now comes in sight from the westward 14 great ships, supposed to be part of the Canary fleet.

Mr. Reader, fellow of Dublin colledge, is made bishop of Killaloo in Ireland.

A person is seized in his way to Portsmouth with great numbers of king James declarations.

We hourly expect an account of the fleets sailing, who are to take with them all the outward bound ships in Cowes road, Spithead, Stokes bay, St. Hellens; as the Bilboa, Virginia, and New England fleets from Plymouth, if not already sailed.

The wind being fair, we expect a foreign post to morrow, which may give an account of the motion of the armies.

Satturday, 27th May.—A flying packet from Scotland sayes, Nevill Payne has been arraigned by the parliament, received his indictment, and will be forthwith tryed for endeavouring an insurrection at home, and an invasion from abroad.

The parliament have past the act for raising the 6 regiments, which are to be levied by the sheriffs, and delivered to their collonel free from all charges by the 1st July; and have agreed to a teste to be taken by all people in publick employs by the 20th of June, and a penalty inflicted on heretors that shall refuse.

The well boats are arrived at Portsmouth from the Downs; and the wind stood fair for the grand fleet to sail, but before they reacht a league it veer'd about.

The Sun prize and Hart ketch, who attended our markett boats, have brought 2 French privateers into Margate.

Wednesday last the transport ships in the river Thames received a months pay, and the rest in the kings pay will have the like; they are to be all in Stokes bay by the 10th of next month.

Noe foreign news since the gazette; we are wanting a mail.

Teusday, 30th May.—Portsmouth, 28th; the Mountague brought into this port a rich French prize worth 30,000*l.*, laden with silk from Marseilles to St. Maloes.

This morning an expresse to the lords of the admiralty that the fleet would set sail this day, if the wind continued fair.

Irish letters advise, that the forces there ordered for the descent are shiping at Cork and Kingsale; 4000 are expected from Scotland for the same service.

The well boats and vessells that came from Holland joyned our fleet at Spithead on Satturday last.

An expresse from Scotland on Sunday brings, that the parliament have made a further discovery of the conspiracy there, having found out the commissions, who they were sent to, with the persons names that were to head the insurrection, as also king James's letters; on which the lords Arran, Hume, &c. are absconded.

Dr. Sandcroft, late archbishop of Canterbury, lies dangerously ill in the country.

The countesse of Gainsborough, who died not long since, left 1000*l.* to nonjuring parsons.

The new lords justices of Ireland are preparing for their departure thither.

The Lisbon fleet are now unloding at the custome house: our merchants have advice that our Canary fleet is safely arrived; and that the Berkley Castle and the 3 Brothers (said to be lost) are past by Malaga, homeward bound, richly laden.

The Victory, that sprung a leak, is refitted, and has joined the fleet.

A Dutch man of war has taken 2 Swedish ships, laden with saddles and bridles, going to France.

We want a foreign post; that which came in on Sunday brings little besides what the gazet mentions; from Hamburgh, that the king of Denmark is forming a camp of 15,000 men; on which the elector of Hanover has caused most of his forces to march to the frontiers to observe their motions.

From Flanders, that the French army are very strong, and resolved to give battle, to put an end to the warr; that the confederate army would be all joyned by the end of this week, when they would be stronger then last year.

Thursday, 1st June.—Paris letters say, mareschall Tourville sailed from Brest with French fleet of 71 sail of men of war in the line of battle the 26th of last month; and that count D'estree, with the Thoulon squadron, was coming to join them; other letters say he would send some men of war with his gallies to attack Roses in Catalonia by sea, while duke de Noialles attacks it by land.

Franckfort, wrote, they had been alarmed with the French forces advancing towards them; when the letters came away the French had divided their forces, part were marching to attack prince Lewis at Hailbron, who had with him but 16,000 men, till the Saxons join him, who are daily expected; the other part are marching towards Mentz or Frankfort.

Letters from Rome say the French cardinals have prest the pope to permit their master to raise the 16th part of the revenues of the clergy in his dominions towards carrying on the warr, but he has refused it; and that cardinal Howard has obtained a breife to send to England to exhort the catholicks there to remain firm to the interest of king James.

Haerlem slip mentions a declaration published by the French king, that seeing the allies decline a peace, he is resolved to destroy the Low Countries, &c. with fire and sword.

Next foreign post we expect will tell us the French are set down before Leige.

Teusday, about one of the clock, our fleet sailed from Spithead with orders, if the wind continued easterly, to rendevouze 30 leagues westward of Ushant, but if seperated by storm, with the wind at S S W or W, then at Torbay.

Yesterday came an expresse to Whitehall that the French fleet were seen off Scilly, and mist the Canary fleet but few hours, whom 'tis beleived they designed to intercept.

Falmouth, 22d; we have account from the Groyne that the Clously gally has sent thither 3 French prizes; that an Ostender, who sailed with them, had retaken the Thomas and Francis of London from a French privateer.

Scotch letters of 15th say the lord Frazier is bailed; that the lady Largee was committed for corresponding with the countesse of Arran in France, and dispersing king James declaration.

The lord Cardrosse, coll. of a regiment of dragoons, is dead at Edinburgh.

All the messengers in waiting are dispatcht to the severall western ports upon advice that the French fleet were at sea.

Satturday, 3d June.—On Thursday last another private printing presse was seized at one Douglas's in Peter's street, Westminster, where 700 of the king James declarations were seized, and 2 forms composed and standing for printing of more; also divers new songs, designed to be disperst amongst the weavers and other discontented persons, to animate them to rise in the holydayes; and that evening 4 printers were seized with the declarations about them, and committed to prison.

The guards, both horse and foot, will be doubled during the holydayes; and the train'd bands will be out, and posted at the severall gates of the citty, for securing the peace of the same.

A ship from New England is arrived at Falmouth, who discovered of Scilly 150 French ships, great and small; and at the Lands End 2 French ships came into an open bay, and burnt 2 vessells there.

Our fleet was seen off of Portland, under full sail, westward, being 600 sail, with merchant ships.

Yesterday 10,000*l.* was paid in on the million act, so that there is now 512,000*l.* in on both.

One Middleton, a page to lord Dunbarton formerly, taken with others coming from the Basse, has confessed he brought letters from France to Nevill Payne and others; that the disaffected were to rise in open rebellion on Trinity Sunday, and to declare for king James and episcopacy.

Irish letters say, the Eagle ketch was taken by 2 French privateers off the Isle of Arran; after which, the French landed, killed a great many cattle, stript and plundered the inhabitants,

fired their houses, and ravaged the whole island: the tories grow troublesome about Kerry.

A negro was this week committed to Newgate for mortally wounding a servant; he designed to rob and kill his master and the family, which he hath since confest.

An expresse was yesterday sent to sir George Rook to Plymouth to joyn the grand fleet, and seek out and fight the French: some say the French fleet are not out, only a squadron of them; and that the fleet seen of Scilly was Swedes and Danes, tho' the French post letters say they were the French fleet.

The customes of the Canary fleet, 'tis said, will amount to 80,000*l.*

A foreign mail this day sayes, that prince Lewis expected to be joyned daily by 12,000 Saxons and Hessians, &c.; and was encamped at Hailbron with 20,000, where Lorges marched towards him, but finding him drawn up in battalia, the French filed off towards Philipsburgh.

Flanders; the confederate army are joined, and about 70,000 strong, and stretched their camp towards Leige, and that the French were about 3 leagues from them; and that Luxemburgh, with a strong detachment, was marched towards Charleroy; and that many French had deserted; but no action had yet passed on either side; the French king is with his army.

Secretary Blathwayte's letters from our camp, dated 29th, O. S., say, that on Friday last they came from Dieghem to Park; that the 3 English troops of guards had joined them, as also the horse under Overkirk; and that the earle of Athlone, with the forces under his comand, joyned them the day before, so that our army now joined consisted of 70,000 men, and will make head against the enemy, who are said to be 86,000, but many of them desert: the French king is marched with his army from Pieton to Ramilliers, and a great detachment is sent to invest Charleroy.

From Germany wrote, the Hessian horse had past the Main to joyn prince Lewis, who lies with 20,000 near Hailbron; that Lorges marched with 40,000 to attack him, but the prince stood in battalia a whole day to receive him, on which the French filed off to Philipsburgh; that 12,000 Saxons were within a dayes march to join prince Lewis.

Our king hath letters that the French fleet are at sea, with orders to keep on their own coasts, and if the English and Dutch attack them, to give them battle.

The fleet seen off Scilly is said at Whitehall to be the Swedes and Danes St. Tubes fleet.

Eddingburgh, 27th; the parliament here will be adjourned to 1st November; severall persons on bail for not taking the oathes are called on to render themselves to prison; the lord Oxonford to Sterling castle; and such as doe not appear are declared fugitives: the loird Delafoly has farmed the additional excise at 45,200*l.*, to be paid into the Scotch exchequer without charge.

A speciall commission of oyer and terminer is granted to Mr. justice Eyre, baron Turton, and Powell, for trying persons that lately committed the riot at Worcester in opposing the factors that bought up the corn there: they sett forward on Tewsday next.

This day one Anderson, a printer, was found guilty of high treason at the sessions house for printing severall treasonable papers against the government.

Teusday, 6th June.—Plymouth letters advise, that on the 1st instant they discovered our fleet with the Turky and Streights fleet passe by there at a great distance with a good gale of wind; and the same day the 5 men of war in that port, with the fleet of merchant ships for the East Indies, Bilboa, and Virginia, sailed to join the grand fleet.

And that the Bridget gally was come in there from the navy with orders from the admiralls for provisions and other necessaries to be sent them to Bell Isle, whither they are sailed.

The Berkley Castle, very richly laden from Turky, is arrived at Rye bay in Sussex.

This morning Mr. Gellibrand the messenger seized another private [press] with a great number of seditious pamphlets; the person that managed it belonged to the printers that were taken last week, and has made a discovery of the whole matter, whereon severall warrants are sent out to take up divers persons concerned.

The sessions on Satturday night, after Anderson was convicted, was adjourned till Thursday next, when the printers

and those concerned in the declarations will be tryed there, being now in custody 10 persons for those facts.

Wrote from Scotland, that the earle of Hume with severall persons of note were seized; and that Nevill Payne was condemned.

Sir John Wildman, alderman of London, died on Sunday last.

This day a foreign post; from Vienna of the 30th wrote, that generall Heusler had formed the seige of Jeno, and taken the lower towne, and is preparing to take the other.

Advised by a bark come to Leghorn that count D'estree was come before Roses in Catalonia, but the gallies were not yet joyned them.

From the kings camp at Park Abby our scouts bring advice, that the French army is at Gemblours, encamped in 3 lines; that the king and Boufflers command the main body, the dauphine the right, and Luxemburgh the left: on Monday they made a great detachment towards Boneffe and Mehaigne; the duke of Main and Boufflers have passed the Meuse, 'tis said, for Germany, tho' beleived for Maestricht or Leige; that generall Coehorn has put himselfe into the latter, and count Tilly into the former; the letters add, that a party from Charleroy seized 22 led horses of the duke of Maines, and narrowly missed the king's court ladies; and that within these 4 dayes 500 are deserted from the enemy, most Swisse.

Nothing materiall from the Upper Rhine.

Thursday, 8 *June*.—The commissioners of transport ships have taken up within these 5 dayes 46 vessells in the river Thames for the descent on a fresh order from his majestie.

A bill is found against Dyer the news writer for writing in one of his letters that the well boats were laid up; and the ammunition, &c. for the descent were brought on shore at Portsmouth: and a messenger has a warrant to take him up.

A court martial was held at York, where severall Dutch officers and troopers were tryed for mutinying; 2 of the captains were casheired, 20 soldiers run the gantlet, and 2 were shot to death.

A form of prayer is published by the archbishop of Canterbury to be used while our fleet is at sea.

Great summs of money have come in on the project act; and the lords of the treasury have sent to the citty that her ma-

jestie thanks them for the loan of the last 200,000*l.*, and if they think fitt may have it repaid.

On Friday last the Worcester coach was robbed by 2 highwaymen near Stoken Church, as also 2 Oxford coaches, they killing 2 of the horses.

Edinburgh; the councill have appointed persons to tender the oathes throughout that kingdome according to the late act, and that 18 persons were committed for refusing to take the same; that the duke of Gourdon will be suddenly tried.

This night the sessions ended at the Old Baily, the tryall of the printers being put off till next term on discovery they offer to make of those that sett them on work.

Parson Brett and others are newly taken into custody thereon; Anderson the printer received sentence of death, (as also 12 other criminalls;) he offers to discover to save his life.

No foreign post since the gazet.

The letters add from Martineco, (to what in the gazet), that the fort is a strong place, regularly fortified, in which is 600 men, with store of provisions; but no prospect of releife, beleiv'd they will surrender; so the sugar trade will be wholly in our hands.

Satturday, 10*th June.*—Plymouth letters say, a New England ship, with train oyl and logwood, put in there, sayes, he saw south of Scilly, on Satturday morning, a great fleet, which is supposed to be ours, standing towards Bell Isle.

Mr. Seignioret, a merchant of London, paid in yesterday 2000*l.* on the fund act, on the life of the duke of Burgundy, eldest son to the dauphine of France.

Commissioners of excise have sent directions to all the gaugers in the towns between Harwich and London to transmit an account of all the beds in inns and alehouses designed to lodge the forces that are coming from Flanders for the descent.

30 sail of merchant ships are fitting out for Riga to fetch hemp and cordage for the fleet.

Some frigats are ordered to cruize on the coast of Scotland to clear those seas of the French privateers.

A report that 3 French men of war have fallen amongst our fleet off Scilly.

2 gentlemen near Reading, well arm'd, were set on by 4 highwaymen; one they cutt over the face, cutt of the hand

of a 2d, the 3d fled, and the 4th they took and carried to prison.

Thursday night a man and his wife were seized in Haymarket with divers scandalous libells in their custody.

The grand jury at sessions presented all lotteries and other unlawfull games; all singers and sellers of ballads; and such publick houses as keep open doors on the Lords day.

The Providence from Jamaica arrived at Falmouth sayes that island is in a good condition; that the new Norwich frigat and their prize was driven from their anchors in a hurricane, and not since heard of.

From Newport in the Isle of Wight, on the 5th, a skirmish hapned between the soldiers and townsmen, wherein 2 were killed, and many wounded of the latter; capt. Juxton, endeavouring to appease the quarrell, was killed by a random shot as he was going on board the Neptune.

Edinburgh, wrote, the parliament there have divers acts before them for regulation of the law; that adjutant generall Hamilton, who was committed for refusing the oaths, died in prison.

Hudsons Bay company are fitting out 2 good ships to endeavour the retaking the factory in America, which the French seized from them in 1686.

This morning 3 highwaymen were taken at an alehouse in Shoe lane, being dogged by a butcher they had robbed near Bagshot, and were sent to Newgate.

A privateer has brought into Portsmouth a French prize of brandy and salt.

4 French privateers are cruizing off Harwich to intercept the packet boat.

A letter from Franckfort, brought by the master of a ship, sayes there has been a fight between the armies on the Rhine, and that the French are beaten; on which 30,000 fresh men were detached from Flanders to reinforce their broken troops; but not credited.

This morning the printers were examined by secretary Trenchard; after which severall warrants were sent abroad by messengers, and files of musqueteers to assist them.

The French prizoners, taken in the 2 prizes coming from Martineca, report, 6000 English landed on that island, and took

3000 negroes, which are valued at 20*l.* apeice, with a great deal of plunder.

Parson Newberry of Jersey, being in custody of a messenger for writing a seditious pamphlet, made his escape out of a window, but was retaken going into his own country.

Last advice of our fleet is, that they were seen 40 leagues south of Scilly this day 7 night.

Noe foreign post come in.

Teusday, 13th June.—This morning 2 foreign mails, one dated the 6th, th' other 9th, our stile, which say the imperialists have taken Jeno, a strong town in Hungary, from the Turks; that the Muscovites have made an incursion into Tartary; that Mr. de Lorges, attempting to passe the Neckar over a bridge of boats to attack prince Lewis of Baden, was repulsed by the Germans with the losse of 1500 men killed and wounded, and severall of their pontons taken; that Lorges had since repast the Rhine, and fallen into the dutchy of Wirtembergh, where he makes great ravage; that the vanguard of the Saxons forces were within 2 hours march of joyning prince Lewis: the governour of Heidlebergh is condemned to lose his head for surrendring that place, but appeals to the imperial court at Vienna.

From Flanders, that our king was still at Park, and the French at Gemblours; that Boufflers and Luxemburgh were joined; that the dauphin was detacht with 25,000 or 30,000 men to reinforce Lorges on the Rhine, who was to detach 15,000 towards Piedmont to act under Catinat.

The French king is returned to Versailles, disatisfied that his designs on Dendermond, Lorain, and Leige had failed; soe 'tis probable Luxemburgh will act defensively in Flanders.

The letters add, that the cannon in our camp were discharged for taking Jeno; as those in Luxemburghs for taking Roses in Catalonia, tho' we have noe certainty of it.

On Satturday the queen went to Windsor, as also to Hampton Court, and having got cold, was indisposed on Sunday; and the symptoms of St. Anthony's fire appearing, she was let blood, and is since perfectly recovered.

A warrant is signed for executing Anderson the printer on Friday next; and orders are given for taking up 36 severall persons concerned in the trade of libells.

Plymouth, 9th; a brigandine arrived here this day, and a fireship, who left the grand fleet 30 leagues to the westward of Ushant; they say that admirall Rook, with his squadron of 17 men of warr, with the Turky and Streights fleet under his convoy, parted with our fleet on the 5th, and stood for the Streights: there being no advice where the French fleet is, (tho' the Paris gazet sayes they are off cape Clear,) our merchants are in great fear they are gone to intercept our Turky &c. fleets.

An expresse was yesterday sent to Plymouth with fresh orders to the admiralls of the grand fleet with all expedition.

Yesterday a new 4th rate was launched at Deptford; as will a 3d rate of 70 guns in a short time.

Last week the lord Fitzwater married the daughter of Charles Bertie, esq.

Mr. Finch, brother to lord Nottingham, is made bishop of Man.

Thursday, 15th June.—Yesterday Dr. Lucas, the blind minister, preached before the queen on the fast.

One Mr. Bowles of Islington is bound over for saying our army in Flanders was defeated, and then our fleet would goe over and fetch king James.

Hamburgh letters say there has been no rain in Denmark these 5 weeks, so that there corn is burnt.

Brussells letters say, 26 Spanish horse had brought in thither 56 French horse, 4 mules, and 2 dragoons of Boufflers regiment; and the night before snapt a French watch of 60 foot, which they brought off: that a great many Switz had deserted the French, occasioned by their bad bread, which was mixt with earth: they confirm the detachment of the dauphine with 25,000 men to the Rhine; that Luxemburgh was strongly encamp'd; that the French king was very uneasy within these parts on the disappointment he mett with on Oudenard, which was to have been betrayed to him.

Severall French deserters came over to the king, and brought over some confederate deserters to the French, who were immediately hanged at the head of our camp.

Irish letters say the tories are suppressed in divers places; and that there will be a larger crop of corn there this year then ever.

Parliament in Scotland are about an addresse to the king to call a generall assembly in Scotland in August to frame a comprehension for the episcopall clergy; that the parliament there would now quickly break up; that the kings advocate was forming a processe against the duke of Gourdon and earle of Seaforth for high treason.

Letters from Italy say, the great thunders and lightnings have destroyed the fruits of the earth; and that mount Etna begins to cast forth fire and bituminous matter.

Letters from the west say the forces are come on board the transport ships from Ireland for the descent.

Paris letters say that king hath sent orders to the mareschall de Noialles to goe and beseige Barcelona; and that 2 Turkish chiauxs are arrived on their way to the Rhine to observe what progresse the French make there, to transmit a true account to the grand seignior.

Said the elector of Bavaria had fallen in with some of the French troops detached to the Rhine, routed 1000, and seized 300 waggons; but will want a confirmation.

On Monday last was the Bridge house feast kept, where the lord mayor, according to custome, drank to sir William Gore, as a fitt person to succeed sheriffe of London.

Said the packet boat was forced back to Harwich by 5 privateers, and 60 laden colliers by 8 privateers to Newcastle.

Our merchants are in pain for Streights fleet, being noe news of the French fleet; feared gone to wait by Cadiz in the mouth of the Streights.

Dr. Lamb is made dean of Ely in room of Dr. Spencer, deceased; and Dr. Stanley, clerk of the closet to the queen, is chose master of Bennet colledge in Cambridge, vacant also by Dr. Spencer's death.

Capt. Hinton, convicted and pardoned 2 sessions since on confession and discovery of the lady Dartmouths burglary, was yesterday committed to Newgate, being charged with a fresh robbery.

This morning one Mr. Greenvill shot himselfe with a blunderbusse.

One Mrs. Pope is taken into custody of a messenger for publishing king James declaration; she leaped out of a window 2 pair of stairs to escape.

Three persons are condemned at Worcester for the riot there, and opposing the magistrates, but are repreived for 14 days.

Satturday, 17th June.—The sessions at the Old Baily began the 31st of May, and was held the 1st, 3d, and 8th of June, where severall malefactors were tryed; 16 received sentence of death, 17 were burnt in the hand, 5 ordered to be whipt, 9 ordered into their majesties service, 1 to be transported, 5 were fined, and severall put off till next sessions; the grand jury for London also made a presentment against 2 disorderly houses; against the singers and sellers of ballads; against all lotteries and gaming houses, and against the taverns and alehouses that open doors on Sunday.

Yesterday 7 persons were executed at Tyburn, of which Anderson the printer was one, for high treason; but the queen remitted the quartering of his body, and it was delivered to his friends.

Last night a foreign post; letters from our camp at Park, dated last Monday, say his majestie goes frequently to the hills between the 2 camps to view the enemy; they have made some bridges over a river to prevent our foraging that way, it being scarce with us, as other provisions are with them; his majestie has ordered oates to be brought from the magazine at Brussells for the use of our army; that a party of the garison of Charleroy surprized a convoy going with provisions from Namur to the French army, after beating those that attended it; the electorall prince of Hanover and his son are both come into our camp.

Other letters, dated at 2 in the morning, say, that then they perceived the enemies camp on fire; on which his majestie drew forth severall detachments to fall on their rear, it being beleived they were decamping, and the main body was preparing to follow them; soe that we expect action the next post.

Those from the Rhine say, prince Lewis had taken some horses, mules, with part of D'Lorges baggage; who sent to the prince to rebuy their horses, but was refused: that the French was gone to ravage in the dutchy of Wirtenburgh; prince Lewis is following them, some of the Saxons having joined him.

The detachment under the dauphine passing the dutchy of

Luxemburgh, have summoned all the places in Eyffelt, on pain of military execution, to pay their contributions, and to furnish provisions.

Paris letters say, Mr. Vauban was gone to Stratsburgh with the rest of the engineers; and that the French will have armies on the Rhine.

Some foreign papers say the French fleet were gone towards Cadiz, and others that they are gone back to Brest, so that there is noe certainty where they are, nor where our fleet is, since the gazet, or the merchant ships gone to the Streights; tho' Plymouth letters of 13th say, that a Portugueese vessell, which was seperated from the Oporto fleet in the bay of Biscay; and the next morning she saw a fleet standing after them, supposed to be the French.

The Dover frigat has taken a French privateer of 36 guns, after a sharp dispute.

One Kallow, and other 3 notorious highwaymen, are apprehended on a huy and cry, and committed to Oxford goal.

Yesterday 3000*l.* was paid to the lord Capell and Mr. Duncombe for their charges to Ireland; and the same day 11,000*l.* was brought in on the project act.

Teusday, 20th June.—Wrote from Plymouth of 16th, that the Jacob of Rotterdam from the Terveroes, put in there, sayes, that on Sunday morning the 11th instant he mett admirall Rook, with his squadron and merchant ships under his convoy, about 90 leagues off the Lands End, steering south, but had noe sight of our grand fleet, nor the French; they are still said to ride of Ushant, whither the Deptford and James gally were under sail with 12 victuallers.

Wrote from Deal, that the 18th, 2 French privateers, one of 40 the other of 30 guns, bore down with Dutch colours 3 leagues within the North Foreland, and after a sharp dispute laid the Surprize on board of 14 guns, and the Harp ketch of 8, which they mastered, and then seized 2 smacks and 3 mackrell boats, and carried them to Dunkirk.

An order is come from his majestie to buy up great quantities of hay and oates for the army.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that Nevill Payne was on his tryall before the parliament, which would take up 2 dayes; thought the tryall of duke Gourdon and lord Seaforth will be remitted

to the lords justiciary; and that an act was past to make magistrates of towns liable to be called to an account for mismanagement of publick stocks; and another impowering citty of Edinburgh to exact 2*d.* Scotch for every pottle of ale sold there for 30 years to pay their debts.

A French privateer has taken on the coast of Cornwall 6 small vessells on the kings account from Ireland.

Foreign letters from Vienna say, the grand vizier was come to Belgrade with 40,000; and that his army was advancing in order to beseige Peterwaradin; and that 20,000 of the imperiall forces were at their rendevouze near Esseck; the whole will make about 50,000.

Letters from the Rhine say, a detachment of the French army had cutt downe the fruits of the earth and the corn 8 leagues round their camp; the deserters come over very fast to the prince of Baden; that forage is so scarce in the French camp that 400 horses have died for want; they say the Dauphine is come to Trier with 28 batallions of foot and 75 squadrons of horse, and 40 peices of cannon.

From Flanders said, Luxemburgh has caused the woods between the 2 armies to be cutt downe, and had removed his camp further; and avoids fighting, tho' superior in number.

The Centurion has brought into Newcastle a French privateer of 6 guns; and after sailed convoy to 100 sail of colliers.

The queen has ordered the lords of the admiralty to bring all expresses from the fleet to her unopen'd.

The St. Albans frigat has taken a French of 30 guns on the western coast.

Rochell letters say, the French fleet have been seen between the Isle of Rhee and the coast of Spain: our merchants are uneasy about the Streights fleet; some say they were seen off Cape Vincent, others that they are gone to bombard Cadiz.

Satturday night died Mr. Delangle, prebend of Westminster, and will be succeeded by Dr. Horneck.

Paris letters say, that the French fleet were off Cape St. Vincent; and that they had an account that many ships were riding in that bay, who, fearing the coming of the French, were gone to other ports; and that D'estree had sent Tourville word he would joyn him with his squadron in order to bombard Cales.

This morning a foreign mail; the letters from Paris of 19th, S. N., say, count D'estree, having taken Roses, is sailed towards the ocean to join admirall Tourville, who has wrote a letter to court, dated the 9th, in the height of Cape St. Vincent, that after 15 dayes sail, meeting with storms, which seperated 2 of his ships, he made to the Spanish coast, and anchoring sent 2 frigats to Cales, who returned with a Spanish prize; and the master being examined before the admirall, sayes, 400 ships of different nations are in that port; and a yatch was arrived from D'estree, that if the wind permitted he would join Tourville in 7 hours, when they'd goe and attack Cales; which news extreamly afflicts our merchants, for fear of admiral Rook, and the ships under his convoy.

Letters from the kings camp of the 15th say, the French made a false fire in burning their camp, both armies being in same station, each striving which shall subsist longest: a violent storm of rain hapned the day before, that it caused a deluge, carrying away cart, waggons, &c.; lord Overkirk was bore away on horseback, and severall drowned.

Paris gazet recites king James declaration at large.

Noe news from our grand fleet nor the French fleet but what is as above by the way of Paris.

Letters from Paris say, the English were beat off from Martineco, with the losse of 500 men, but we have no advice thereof.

On notice of 2 warrants preparing at lord Nottinghams office for passing pardons for lord Coningsby and sir Henry Porter, the earle of Bellamount and colonell Hamilton, who married lord Monmouths sister, have this day entred a caveat against passing the same.

This day justice Harriot of Islington was committed by the court of kings bench for striking out of the roll a nonjuring parson for his 20*s*. on the quarterly poll, and making him but one shilling, without consulting the rest of the commissioners.

Thursday, 22d June.—Letters from Ireland say, that there are 11 privateers on that coast, which have taken severall vessells out of Dublin bay, laden with corn, to the great damage of that kingdome.

Lord Sidney is suddenly expected at Whitehall, and leaves

the government of Ireland to sir Cyrill Wich, (till the new lords justices arrive there,) one of them.

Our merchants still continue under great apprehensions for the Turky fleet, and they are much concerned for them at Whitehall.

The lords of the admiralty, victuallers of the navy, &c. have thrice been consulted by the queen in 4 dayes, to know if our grand fleet should sail for Cadiz, if they have provisions enough on board till their return; and repeated orders have been sent after them, but as yet we know not where they are.

Last night a gentlewoman, newly arrived from France by way of Holland, was apprehended in the boat coming from Harwich, and severall letters taken about her from persons of note in France.

No foreign news since the gazet.

This evening an expresse from our grand fleet, which were 10 leagues west of Ushant, and sayes, they had sent 2 ships to Brest harbour to learn if the French fleet were out, but the weather being bad they are not yet returned; and that sir John Ashby, admirall of the blew, and capt. Cotton, were both dead.

Yesterday a court martiall at the horse guards, coll. Matthews president, severall deserting soldiers of coll. Hastings regiment were tried, and 3 found guilty, and sentenc'd to be shot to death.

One Mr. Savage of Glocestershire hath kill'd a farmer of that country basely, only for desiring him not to ride over his corn; is taken and committed to prison.

The French privateers much infest our coasts; one near Harwich took 5 or 6 laden colliers; another of 8 guns, about Yarmouth, took 3 pinks, and forced a ketch on shore, which after got off.

The Sandwich ketch is sailing with 90 men to the grand fleet, which were left sick at Portsmouth, but are now recovered.

Said our grand fleet is gone for Portugall, having 3 months provision on board.

Duke Hamilton, secretary Johnson, and others of the Scotch nobility, are expected here in few dayes.

Circuits: Norfolk, Holt and Lechmore; home, Treby and

Dolben; west, Atkins and Rookeby; northern, Nevill and Powell; midland, Gregory and Turton; Oxford, Eyre and baron Powell.

Our fleet is come into Torbay.

Satturday, 24th June.—On Thursday the lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton deliver'd a petition to the privy councill prayin a stop to be put to the lord Coningsby and sir Charles Porter's pardan; which was read, but the queen not coming to councill, they were ordered to signe it, and deliver it to one of the secretaries to be presented to the queen.

The same day was a hearing before the councill about a ship which some French protestants brought to the Isle of Wight, after having killed the French commander; the lord Cutts claims her as governour of that place, and the marquess of Winchester as vice admirall: it is left to the prize office to determine.

Circuits appointed as before.

Plymouth, 20th; the Bridget gally came in there from the fleet, which he left in the morning south of Scilly, standing up the channell for Torbay to take in provisions and necessaries; 2 hospitall ships are come hither with sick men from the fleet.

On consideration that our merchants were disquieted about the Turky fleet, some of the privy councill have been in the citty, and acquainted them, that before our admiralls parted with sir George Rook, a councill of war of all the flagg officers and commanders of the Streights squadron was held on board the Britannia, where the informations concerning the French fleet were debated; it was concluded it was only a squadron of 30 of their light ships gone out; they agreed admirall Rook should proceed on his voyage, having with him 27 English and Dutch men of war, severall of which are of good force, and may be able to deal either with that squadron or the Thoulon before they join; since which the insurances have fallen.

Fresh orders are given out for hastening the descent.

This day was the election of citty officers; the candidates for sheriffs were sir Wm. Gore, (who the lord mayor drank to,) and sir William Hedges, and alderman Abney; the two latter were chosen without a poll, and sir Leonard Robinson is chosen chamberlain again.

This evening a foreign post brings little; the armies in Flanders and on the Rhine continue as they were; the sentence of death past on the governour of Heidlebergh is changed to the following: he was led by the common hangman with a rope about his neck thro' the army, his sword broke over his head, his estate confiscated, banished for ever the emperors dominions, and to be sett on the other side the Neckar, to shift for himselfe: all which is executed.

On Thursday last the queen sent for duke Leinster, lord Cutts, and other feild officers about the descent, and they received instructions to hasten the same; the soldiers are ordered to march towards the sea coasts; above 200 transport ships lye at Spithead, where others are expected to joyn them; the miners, gunners, &c. that belong to the artillery are new cloathed, and ordered to be in readinesse at a dayes warning.

This day a new ship of 60 guns was launched at Redriffe, called Midsummer Day.

We hear a feavorish distemper is amongst the seamen, but not mortall; the death of sir John Ashby is confirmed, and captain Cotton of the Northumberland.

Most agree the French great ships are laid up at Brest harbour, and the guns planted on the shore; and that their fleet, said to be gone to bombard Cadiz, consists not of above 35 sail, besides tenders and fireships, &c.: sir George Rook's squadron and the fleets with him are said to be out of danger; the convoy consists of 18 English and 9 Dutch men of war.

This evening an expresse, which brings that our fleet are sailed beyond Cadiz for the Streights mouth, and the French fleet are not got thither yet.

Teusday, 27th June.—Letters at secretaries office say, the Asiatick troops, being on their march for Hungary, mutineed, insulting their officers, some of which they killed, and refused to goe forward, demanding a peace to be made with the Christians, and those who had obstructed it to be punished; on which the grand seignior had sent to the English and Dutch ambassadors to renew the treaty; we hope to have the particulars confirmed next post.

On Sunday an expresse from Falmouth, that the packet boat from the Groyne was come in there, bringing letters from Portugall, which say the French fleet (on 3d instant, our stile)

under Tourville were in the bay of Alacantura, and on the 4th was joyned by the Thoulon squadron, whence they sailed that day, standing as if designed for Cadiz: the master of the packet boat sayes, in his voyage for England he mett with a Genoese vessell, the commander of which told him that on the 3d he came thro' the French fleet, which then rode in the bay of Alacantura, consisting of 71 men of war and fireships; that 2 dayes after he discovered a numerous fleet in the latitude of 53, which he beleives to be the English Turky fleet, steering south towards the coast of Barbary, but being too far off did not speak with them; there are other letters which say the Thoulon and Brest squadrons joined off of Cape St. Vincent Sunday last was 3 weeks; our merchants having yet noe advice continue uneasy, yet not without hopes he may escape them, keeping to the Barbary coast; and if he cannot passe the Streights that way, to keep to the main sea, he having 8 month provision on board, soe may continue longer out then the French.

A great hearing in chancery between lord Radnor and lord Delaware yesterday about a mortgage of 40,000*l.* made by the latter to sir John Cutler; the 2 cheife justices assisted; it went in favour of the lord Radnor; put off till a further day.

Lord Caermarthen is going to the Bath for a month by leave from the queen.

The French privateers very much infest our coasts, and took some light colliers lately of Yarmouth.

The convoy for lords justices is ordered to Holy head; they goe next week.

A foreign post wanting.

Said the French fleet in all consist of 150 sail; and that the fleets fired 100 guns as a salute on their meeting.

Letters say the French move towards Mentz; the governour of it has put out the women and children, and obliges the citizens that stay to provide them selves a months provisions.

A French privateer run on shore off Falmouth harbour, and staved in peices.

This day a notorious highwayman was taken in the Strand, and sent to Newgate.

The Canary fleet are unlading in the river of Thames.

An order is sent to the admiralls to hasten to sea.

Said the French owe us above 4000 seamen, according to the cartell.

Yesterday the merchants gave 25*l.* per cent. ensurance on the Turkey fleet, but to day it fell to 20.

Beleived lord Berkley will succeed sir John Ashby as admiral of the blew.

This day the bankers case argued in the exchequer; the argument for the king held 2 hours; the patentees are to be heard on Thursday.

Lord Sidney is expected in a day or two.

Two of the Canary fleet, as coming up into the river, were snapt by the French privateers and carried off.

5 clippers seized this day and committed.

Thursday, 29th June.—From the Britannia, the 26th, in Torbay, the lord Berkley has quitted the Neptune, and hoisted his flagg as admiral of the blew, in room of sir John Ashby: capt. Wilmot of the Elizabeth hath killed ensign Roydon of colonell Ingoldsby's regiment on board in a duell; we are taking in fresh water, &c., and in few dayes shall goe in search of the enemy.

Yesterday 3 soldiers of prince Hesses regiment were brought to St. George's feilds, being condemned by a court martial for deserting their colours, where they threw dice upon a drum for their lives, and one of them was shot to death.

Yesterday was a further hearing in chancery between earle of Radnor and Mr. Boulter, executors of sir John Cutler and lord Delaware, and a decree made in favour of the two former, to confirm sir John Cutlers mortgage of 40,000*l.* upon lord Delawares estate.

The same day a long tryall in common pleas about a will of sir John Roberts of Bromley, near Bow, who, having no issue, left his estate, being 1100*l.* per ann., to his young wife, to the prejudice of Mr. Cudmore and his wife, heirs at law, and this day the jury gave a verdict for the plaintiff.

This day Mr. Dod argued in the exchequer the bankers case; and the businesse will be further argued the 2d Teusday next term.

On going over the lords justices into Ireland, the parliament will be dissolved and a new one called.

Wrote from Paris, the duke of Orleans is returning from

Normandy with a detachment of 12,000 men to Flanders, they beleiving the English descent to be laid aside.

German letters say, mareschall de Lorges has laid 2 bridges over the Neckar below Heidleburgh to passe the same, to hinder prince Lewis going over the Rhine, while the dauphine attempts some things against Mentz or Coblentz.

The collonels of the 3 French regiments had orders yesterday to march their regiments for Portsmouth; and her majestie has sent for an exact list of all the officers names in England, and number of soldiers in their regiments, beleiv'd in order for the descent, of which the lord Sidney will be generall.

We hear nothing of our Turky fleet, but to morrow's post may bring some news of it.

Dr. Horneck is made prebend of Westminster in room of Mr. De L'angle, deceased.

Satturday, 1st July.—A foreign mail last night confirms the disorders in Turky; and that the Asiatick troops still refuse to march, being encouraged thereto by a bassa and other great officers; whereon the emperiall forces, as soon as they are 40,000, will march in a body and form the seige of Belgrade.

300 hussars made an incursion as far as Temeswaer, beat 400 Turks that sallied out on them, and brought the head of the bassa that commanded them to Segedin.

Cologne letters of the 3d say, the dauphine and Boufflers were arrived at Mountroyall; and that 80 vessells with bombs, &c. for a seige were laden at Philipsburgh, and 'tis thought their design is upon Mentz and Coblentz; some letters say the Dauphine had a fitt of an apoplexy.

The late governour of Heidlebergh, as soon as he was sett on the other side the Neckar, was knockt on head by the boors of the country.

Kings camp at Park, July 6th; severall spies are seized in our camp; yesterday an officer with 10 Switz came over to us; count Tilly has been some time encampt with 1200 foot and 3000 horse to streighten the enemies camp by intercepting their convoys from Namur.

Thursday last was a hearing in councill about a new custome house to be built at Harwich, which the towne of Ipswich peti-

tioned against; 'twas ordered matters shall remain as they are till his majesties return.

Plymouth letters say, the Greenwich frigat had brought in there a French privateer of 18 guns and 150 men near Ushant; and on board another privateer lately taken was sir Wm. Jennings son, whose is on board the French fleet, and is sent to our fleet to be examined by our admiralls.

Some depositions being made against Mr. Ansell, who was formerly secretary to the earle of Torrington when admirall, and in the same post under the present admiralls, that he held correspondence with king James, &c., on which he is sent for to answer the same, but not in custody.

Noe news of the Turky fleet, which encourages us to hope they are safe.

Orders are sent to Scotland, that instead of raising and keeping up 6 new regiments for 18 months, which the last parliament gave money for, only one of dragoons to be raised; and 2 others that were to be broke are to be kept up for 3 years, which will cost as much.

The insurances on the Turky fleet are fallen to 10*l.* per cent. and under.

Our grand fleet sails from Torbay the beginning of next week.

The queen goes in few dayes to Kensington to drink the spaw waters.

Said the Portugall ambassador here has a letter from Lisbon that our Streights fleet was sailed by for the Streights, and the French fleet 24 hours sailed behind.

Said a difference had hapned at Naples between some seamen there and some lackeys, in which severall of the latter were killed, and the whole citty put in an uproar; 30,000 in arms of all sorts, but were seasonably quieted by the interposition of the viceroy and other officers.

Thursday sailed out of the Downs all the storeships and victuallers to the fleet, under the convoy of 3 men of war.

Prince Lewis has past the Neckar, and got between the dauphine and Lorges; and was resolved to fight the latter before the dauphine could join him.

Severall of the Scotch nobility are coming for England.

A French privateer of good force is taken, and carried into Aberdeen.

Teusday, 4th July.—Yesterday 600 military men performed an exercise of blowing up mines and taking forts, made for that purpose near St. James park; the queen was pleased to lend them 4 feild peices and 2 mortars, which were managed by the captain of the train of artillery and her majesties gunners, and was performed to the great satisfaction of the spectators; but one man was shot by accident, and a woman thro' the arm.

Our fleet are still at Torbay, hourly expecting the arrival of the victuallers, and then will put to sea.

Last Brussells mail sayes, that capt. Butler, of the duke of Ormonds troop of guards, going thence to the camp was sett on by 5 Spanish troopers, who designed to rob him; the captain shot 2 of them dead; the other 3 wounded him in several places, neck, arms, and back, whereby he dropt from his horse, but 'tis hop'd may recover: as they were rifling him a party of English fell in with them, and carried them prisoners to our camp.

608728*l.* 17*s.* 6*d.* is brought in on the fund act.

Two tryalls were yesterday in the exchequer on an information brought on prohibited goods from France, both which went for the king to the value of 2000*l.*

The Quaker's ketch is arrived from the West Indies, and brings advice our army have quite destroyed the island of Martineco, but made noe attempt on the castle; and that coll. Fowkes, generall of the forces, coll. Goodwin, with severall other officers and soldiers, were dead thro' sicknesse of the country, which caused the rest to sail for New England.

Noe news yet of the Turky fleet; nor any foreign post since the Gazet.

A publick act is ordered to be kept at Oxford, and begins next Friday: her majestie has given the university 8 brace of bucks out of Woodstock park.

Satturday last the duke of Leinster went to Portsmouth to give further orders and directions about the descent, and his baggage is also sent thither.

The Spanish expedition packett boat sailed from Falmouth for the Groyne on Thursday last, having on board the envoy from the elector of Bavaria to the court of Spain.

15 Irish men taken on board French privateers broke prison

at Plymouth, and made their escape, but 2 of them were retaken.

Our fleet continue at Torbay ready to sail, having taken in provisions and fresh water.

Said the ravages and spoil committed on the Rhine by the French army amounts to 2 millions sterling; that his troops were drawing nearer Mentz on the German side; and that he had posted 2000 men to defend his bridge over the Neckar.

Yesterday a draught was made out of each company of the foot guards to be sent for Flanders.

One Cockburne, a nonjuring parson, is banished Scotland for ever by order of councill.

Said our Streights fleet are off the Tercera's islands, and 'tis beleived they will return to Kingsale.

From South Sealts on the 29th past, 40 light colliers were chased in there by severall French privateers, some of 40 guns, and that they took 7 of the fleet.

Thursday, 6th July.—On Monday 6 highwaymen robbed severall on Tunbridge road; great robberies have been also committed in Epping forest, and many horses killed.

Yesterday 4 house breakers on horseback were seized and committed to Newgate, having robbed captain Salters house, near Gerards crosse in Bucks, who pursued them to towne; each of them had some of his goods and plate found about them.

The same day 3 clippers taken in St. Gyles were committed to Newgate.

A great quantity of goods come from France have been seized in Romney marsh.

Her majestie has ordered the feild officers on board the fleet in Torbay to come on shore.

Mr. Ansell, secretary to the admiralls, is come to town to justifie himselfe.

The Dorothy and Joanna, two rich East India ships, are arrived at Barbadoes, and will continue there till they meet with their convoy for England.

A patent is passing the seals constituting Mr. Powell the kings serjeant to attend for the future on the house of commons, as Topham did.

A Flushing privateer has brought into Falmouth a vessell bound to France.

Laverpool, 1st; a Dutch caper has brought in here a French privateer of 8 guns, which she took near Londonderry.

A commission for constituting lord Capell, sir Cyrill Wych, and Mr. Duncombe, lords justices of Ireland, has past all the seals; the[y] set forward next week.

Sir William Hedges is chose alderman of London in room of major Wildman, deceased.

And on Teusday the said sir William and Abney gave bond to hold the office of sheriffs for the year ensuing.

Noe news of the Turky fleet.

The packet of Monday last is still wanting, tho' the wind is fair; feared she is fallen into the hands of the French privateers, who have also taken a Dutch ship, richly laden, on their own coast.

This morning 2 deserters in sir David Colliers regiment was tried by a court martial, and sentenced to be shot to death.

Edinburgh letters say, the councill, on the 28th past, agreed to banish the earle of Perth out of the 3 kingdoms, with prohibition to goe for France, on pain of forfeiture of his estate in that kingdome; that severall persons were fined for refusing to take the oaths; the viscount Fendraft for refusing them was committed to prison; and after adjourned till 1st Teusday in August.

Lieutenant coll. Holt succeeds coll. Fowke in his regiment in the West Indies.

An alteration will be made amongst the justices of Middlesex, and severall turned out.

Letters from Ireland, lord Sidney was gone on board with his retinue and baggage; the winds continue contrary; 5 men of war lye ready there for his convoy.

Ensurances on the Turky fleet run but at 10*l.* per cent.

The descent is again talkt of, and said the king will come and command it.

The indictment against the duke of Gourdon runs for high treason, in aiding and assisting king James for his restauration, and the French king, and being in arms, &c.

Satturday, 8th July.—Yesterday a foreign mail; from Paris wrote, that a treaty of commerce is concluded between that crown and the 2 northern crowns, and the ratifications thereof are sent to Sweden and Denmark.

From Brussells wrote, a strong party from Charleroy endeavoured to intercept a convoy going from Mons to the French camp, and the horse, being too forward before the foot could come up, were, after a sharp skirmish, forced to retire without the booty; in which action the Spaniards lost 3 captains, 60 soldiers, and 90 wounded; the enemies losse was as great, and amongst them a major generall, 3 colonells, one of them said to be the governour of Mons: the convoy consisted of 800 oxen, 10,000 sheep, 600 waggons with bread and provisions, and 25 mules with money to pay their army.

From the kings camp at Park, 3 July, O. S.; on Sunday the duke of Wirtembergh was detached hence with 13 batallions of foot and 20 squadrons of horse towards Ghent, 'tis supposed with design to break the French lines; the English of this detachment are the regiments of Bath and Argile, with duke of Leinsters regiment of horse, the rest are Dutch and Danes.

The French army continue as they were, only one wing stretch'd for better foraging.

From the Rhine, that the French were encamped at Wimpsen; and prince Lewis was advancing to fall on them before the dauphine joined him, the German horse being within a mile of the enemy when the letters came away: soe that we expect action, unlesse D'Lorges passes the Rhine.

The English packet boat, which should have come on Monday last from Holland, mett in her passage 2 French privateers; she fought them 6 hours; kill'd a captain of one, and a lieutenant of the other, with about 40 French; but being much shattered, at last sunk; the captain was taken up with some passengers and seamen by the French, and were carried to Dunkirk, but more drowned, among which 'tis thought is the earle of Suffolk, who was expected.

Mr. Ansell, secretary of the admiralls, was yesterday examined before the councill, (the lords of the admiralty present,) where capt. Roe, Mr. Praed, and another merchant, appeared against him as to his corresponding with king James, &c.; on which he was turn'd out of his place, and is committed to the custody of a messenger; and the attorney has orders to prosecute him.

Letters from Hamburgh says a Genoa ship was put in there, which sayes she saw our Turky fleet going into the

harbour of Lisbon; and some letters from France say their design on our Turky fleet is not like to succeed; and the Haerlem Courant sayes the French grand fleet are returning home.

Teusday, 11th July.—Satturday last a court martial, on the complaint of 2 centinells, against 4 officers in coll. Tiffany's regiment: after a long hearing the court broke a captain, a lieutenant, and 2 ensigns for false musters, and fined them each 100*l.*

Dartmouth, 8th; the victuallers are arrived; our fleet is still in Torbay, but with the topsails loose, a signal of speedy sailing, when they'l endeavour to meet the French in their return home.

Plymouth letters say the Mary frigat had brought in there a prize of 40 guns, 14 patereroe's, and 140 French; she had but little goods on board, having unladen at Havre de Grace.

The James gally has retaken 4 colliers, and the 2 French privateers of 40 men each, which took them and brought them into Falmouth.

The letters from Deal say some French privateers have taken 3 small vessells of our[s] near Shoreham.

The queen went to Kensington yesterday to drink the water for some time.

Yesterday the new lords justices set forwards for Ireland; the lord Sidney is landed from thence, and is expected in town to morrow.

Capt. St. Loe of the prize office is made a commissioner of the navy; and Mr. Vernon of the secretaries office is made commissioner of the prizes.

Satturday last a quarrell at a bowling in Huntingtonshire between Mr. Shelton, steward to the duke of Norfolk, and Mr. Arnold, his gentleman of the horse; the latter was killed on the place, and the other escaped.

A ship laden with wine, pretending from Oporto, is discovered to be freighted at Bourdeaux with claret, soe she is seized as prize.

The master of a ship come from Dunkirk sayes, 2 English ships laden with corn came voluntarily into that port; that one of them was return'd on pretence she was taken and had

ransomed her selfe; whereon the lords of the admiralty had sent orders to seize her as she comes into port.

A vein of silver oare is found at Amphtill in Bedfordshire, which 'tis beleived will prove a royall mine.

No certain news of the Turky fleet; yesterdayes foreign post is still wanting.

A new commission of the peace is come to Hickshall, where 8 or 10 old ones are left out, and as many new ones put in.

Lords of the admiralty have sent to the admiralls to take a new secretary proper for such post.

We have advice that great fires have been seen at Calais and on the coast, as if rejoycings for some new successe.

Paris letters say our Turky fleet are sailed to the Tercera's islands.

A train of artillery is ordered to Blackheath; beleived some regiments will goe and encamp there.

The Vine packet boat had severall bails of goods on board, and above 100 passengers, divers Hamburgh merchants among them.

The king of Poland has sent a project of a peace to the grand seignior.

Wrote, that those at the Isle of Basse had hung out a white flag in order to surrender the same.

The publick act at Oxford is ended, which ended with a fine consort of musick, wherein the word Maria was soe sett it took up halfe an hour in singing, and Britannia an hour; 7 went out doctors of divinity, and 2 doctors of physick.

Our Jacobites give out there will be a peace speedily between France and Spain.

John Loving, esq., one of the tellers of the exchequer, is dead, and Wm. Carew, esq. succeeds him; a place worth 2000*l.* per ann.

Mr. Richard Holford has bought the place of a master in chancery of sir James Astrey.

Capt. Richardson, keeper of Newgate, has agreed for his place for 3000*l.*, and officiates some time therein.

A great part of Calais is burnt down by accident.

Thursday, 13th July.—From the fleet in Torbay, the 11th; our fleet now there is upward of 80 sail; severall English and

Dutch men of war having joined them, they have taken in provisions and other necessaries they wanted, and would sail the first fair wind; that a councill of war having been held on board, 'twas resolved the fleet should sail towards the bay of Biscay, to meet the French in their return; the lord Berkley has hoysted his flag as admiral of the blew, and rear admiral Mitchell is made vice admirall of the same; and capt. Aylmer, rear admirall of the red, is made vice admirall of the same: so we want now two rear admiralls; 'tis thought lord Danby will have the red, and capt. Nevill the blew.

Yesterday came letters from our envoy at Portugall to the secretaries office, but give noe account of our Turky fleet having been on that coast; they say the French fleet are gone from the bay of Lagos, but not known whither; some letters say sir George Rooke having notice the French fleet were near the mouth of the Streights, he sailed directly for the Tercera's islands, not doubting but to avoid them.

The lords of the admiralty have appointed Mr. Bowles to succeed Ansell as secretary of the fleet.

Some French privateers lately landed severall men near Walton in Essex, where they burnt and pillaged severall houses.

John Loving, esq., one of the tellers of the exchequer, is lately dead; and Henry Carew, esq. succeeds him.

Yesterday a foreign post sayes, the dutchesse of Orleans is taken very ill with the small pox.

The Paris Gazet gives this account of the action between a party of the garison of Charleroy and the convoy going to the French camp; that it lasted from 4 in the afternoon till 9 at night, in which they lost 400 men, and 200 wounded; that the confederates had 800 killed, and 200 taken prisoners.

We wait the successe of the duke of Wirtembergh, who is marched to break the French great lines at Pont Esperies; another body at same time marched to do the like at Courtray; and 1500 English, with the garison of Newport, are to doe the like at Deney; there is good hopes to succeed therein, because they marched 24 hours before Luxemburgh had notice of it, on which he dispatcht 6000 horse to strengthen their lines.

Satturday, 15th July.—Yesterday came in the Groyne mail, which brought the unfortunate news by letters from Lisbon of

the 3d of July (N. S.), that some dayes before, 50 leagues of Cape Finister, the Portugall fleet left our Turky fleet sayling to Lisbon, and the other to the Streights; that on the 26th, doubling the Cape of St. Vincent, and having no intelligence from any of the ports of the French fleet, saw a fleet of ships; and going forward took a French fireship, who gave them an account the ships they saw were 17 French men of war convoying a fleet of merchant men; and that Tourville was returned to Brest, on which some of our frigats began to chace them, but to noe purpose: the next morning Tourville came downe upon them with 36 sail more, and the fight began by the Woolwich, Chattham, and Exeter, the successe of which the letters say they have not yet, nor the particulars. The letters further add, that at Faro a great Smyrna ship, supposed to be the Chandois, run ashore, and the captain blew her up, and by his example others did the like at Cape St. Maries; 4 more burnt at Villa Nova, and 3 at another place, in all 11 or 12 merchant men, halfe of them said to be of the Turky fleet; but whether by themselves or the French, the expresse from Lagos does not mention, who came from thence Sunday evening; and that the French fleet was then standing in there with great rejoycings: they also add, that the English consul at Lisbon sent out an advice boat to give sir George Rook an account of the French fleet being on their coast, but the governour of the outward fort stopt the vessell, and detained the captain till the action was over, saying, 'twould be a breach of their neutrality; and that near 2000 bails of goods were floating on the sea near Faro: our fleet consisted of 22 men of war, none of which we hear are yet taken, burnt, or sunk; they fought bravely till night parted them, and did the French considerable damage; the Thoulon squadron had not joined the French, but lay at the Streights mouth. A cabinet councill was held last night after the arrivall of this news; the lords of the admiralty attended; an expresse was sent to the king, another to the admiralls: the citty is much concerned hereat, and at present is [it] drowns all other news.

Capt. Mees is made commander of the Britannia in room of capt. Nevill, advanced to be a rear admirall: the wind continuing contrary, our fleet is still in Torbay.

We want a Holland mail.

The sessions is at the Old Baily; capt. Hamilton, Canning, and Dormer are found guilty of misdemeanours against the government.

Said Rook fought the 17 men of war and the 35 sail bravely for 10 hours; sunk 2 French men of war, and lost one of his own of 40 guns, sunk; till night parted them, and then he bore away with the ships near him towards the Streights; 60 of the merchants fleet stood into Lisbon; and others stood other courses: none of the letters say the French have taken any ship in the action, except they pickt up any the next day; all conclude their fleet were much shattered, and made for Lagos to refitt: the governour of Lisbon has given strict order to save all can be saved for the English consull.

Queen dined this day at New Park with the earle of Rochester.

From Dartmouth wrote, the grand fleet are under sail from Torbay, standing westward.

All the feild officers are coming on shore, and coming up to towne according to order, leaving the forces on board to the comand of the captains.

One letter on the Exchange sayes, the French fleet on their return pickt up 2 or 3 prizes on their return to Lagos.

Rhine letters say, the inhabitants of D'armstadt fled with their cattle to the land of Hesse on the approach of the French, laving all to their mercy.

Wrote from Frankfort, 500 cannon are planted on their walls, fearing a visit from the French.

A vessell at Falmouth sayes, 11 French men of war and 3 privateers are cruizing of the Lizard.

Neither the queen or secretary have received any account of the losse of the Turky fleet.

Teusday, 18*th July*.—The Neptune in being driven back lost her main top mast; the fleet design'd to goe with first wind.

That the Lark frigat was arrived at Dartmouth, who left sir George Rook with his squadron, 5 Turky ships, and divers other merchant ships, 50 leagues S W of Cape Clear, standing for Kingsale.

Orders are sent to our fleet to sail to Cape Finistre to meet with the French in their return to Brest.

The Asia and Shandois, 2 Turky ships, are safe a[t] Gibralter, with 3 others; we hear of none missing besides the Mary and Rebecca; the Jacob, an English merchant ship, blew up by accident, bound to Leghorne: the post boy that brought the news to Kensington was mett by a gentleman and cutt over the face.

Hamilton fined 200*l.* for dispersing late kings declaration at sessions house; 21 condemned; 12 burnt in the hand; 2 of the printers in Newgate, Newbolt and Bulter, have made their escape.

The Cloudesly gally has taken a French ship worth 10,000*l.*, having on board 3 bails of silk, and other rich commodities.

From Scotland, a small English man of war has sent into Greenock there a French privateer of 16 guns: divers of the episcopal clergy preached their farewell sermons on the 9th, being the time limited to take the oaths, and were going for Ireland.

Foreign letters say the Poles have concluded a peace with the Tartars, and the French with the Tripolines: Wirtembergh seized on all the stores of stuffs and silk the French had near Lisle, and gave them to his soldiers.

An English privateer has taken a French vessell going with stores to Brest, and brought her into Penzance; and a Dutch privateer had taken a French one of 8 guns, and brought into Yarmouth.

This day a foreign mail sayes, his majestie, on the French investing Huy, had taken his march that way as far as Brockfort, where he heard Mr. Harcourt push'd on the seige, whilst Luxemburgh covered it; and had possest himselfe of a fortification that comanded part of the towne, and would annoy the towne; that the king intended to try to raise the seige, or give Luxemburgh battle.

Paris letters say the sicknesse is at Bourdeaux, and that a mortality is in their fleet; that 300 seamen had died on board, and had sent above 1000 sick on shore at Lagos.

Letters from Italy say a great earthquake had been in Italy at Mantua; that the duke felt it, and thereon quitted his pallace, which in halfe an hour after (*sic*).

From the Rhine wrote, the dauphine had join'd D'Lorges, aud both repassed the Neckar; and that the Saxon, Hessian,

and Brandenburgh forces were join'd, and made up 50,000 men.

Count Tilly is come to the camp, and has informed the king that his losse in the late action was but 150 killed, and little of his baggage; that 80 of the young nobility of France were cutt off that prest upon the troops of Brandenburgh.

The melancholy news about Turky fleet was alter'd by that brought by capt. Martin in the Lark frigat, which has enliven'd the merchants, for we hear of noe considerable hurt the French have done us; sir George Rook is coming for Ireland, with about 50 merchant ships with him, of which 5 of the 11 Turky ships; and sir Wm. Scawen has advice that the Shandois, Asia, Italian Merchant, and St. George, 4 large ships said to be blown up, are got into Gibralter; and 70 sail, with other men of warr, are put into Cales, St. Lucar, and Port St. Mary: thought the main of the losse will fall on the Dutch, the French breaking the line of battle, and pursued some of the Dutch leeward ships: the Gazet was printing with the Satturday's account, but this relation being brought on Sunday, it was wholly reprinted.

Sessions ended yesterday; capt. Hambleton fined 200*l.*; Canning and Dormer 500*l.* each, and pilloryed 3 times, for dispersing treasonable things against the government.

Bills of high treason were this day found at Hicks hall against capt. Griffith, Mr. Farr, Newbolt, and Butler, for printing king James declarations; the 2 last made their escape out of the messengers hands on Sunday.

This morning a foreign mail, and brings, Hailbron, July 18th, on the Frenche's repassing the Neckar, prince Lewis has brought his forces on this side; from the Saxon and Hessian camp the same date, on expresse from prince Lewis, that D'Lorges and the dauphine had joined, having with them 3000 waggons, 4000 pioneers, and a great train of artillery: a councill of war was held this evening, and resolved to march this evening to join prince Lewis; the prince and count Stirum are to command the main body, the elector of Saxony and generall Chauvet the right wing, and the landgrave of Hesse and count Vaudree the left.

Duke of Wirtemberg continues to lay the French territories under contributions; great booties of cattle &c. are brought

to Aeth, Oudenard, &c., which the peasants come with money to redeem.

Kings camp at Villock, July 23d; on advice the enemy presses the castle of Huy with great vigour, having 6 batteries against it, his majestie continues his march to fight Luxemburgh, (who covers the same,) having left his baggage behind; the governour makes a good defence; has blown up the store bridge on the Meuse; the count Harcourt carries on the attack on the side of Cordrosse, and the count Guiscar on the side of Namur; the enemy have taken an eminence that shoots into the towne.

Burgomaster Alwyn is condemned to perpetual imprisonment, and his brothers estate confiscated, for corresponding with France.

Thursday, 20th July.—The lord president Caermarthen is coming from Bath to assist in councill.

A Portugall ship bound for Holland put into Dover to take fresh water; the master sayes he came by the French grand fleet after they had mett the English and Dutch Streights fleets, and was informed by them they had taken and destroyed 20 of ours and the Dutch ships, and were going to burn the rest in the ports of Cadiz, St. Lucar, and St. Mary's: and our merchants have account from Cadiz that the French fleet came before that port, and sent word to the governour, that if he would permit him to burn the English and Dutch ships there, he would spare the towne; but he was answered in the negative; and 'tis said the merchant ships are unlading their effects, and fortifying the port with their guns; the seamen coming on shore to play from the batteries, which 'tis hoped may preserve them.

This day Canning and Dormer stood in the pillory at Charing Crosse, and were favourably used by the mob.

A great hearing this week before the lord keeper and 2 lords cheife justices in the cause between the earle of Bath and the earle of Mountague, touching late duke of Albemarles will; and this day the councill concluded on both sides, but noe decree is yet made.

Ansell, late secretary of the fleet, is admitted to bail.

Mr. Lee of Adlington is married to a sister of the earle of Radnor's.

Mr. Boscawen, the privy councellor, is going to marry a sister of the lord Clare's.

This morning Collins the messenger brought an expresse from the king with an account of our Turky fleet much the same as in our Gazet: he brings also that Huy is surrendred to the French; the governour playing the traytor went over to Luxemburgh, on which the castle surrendred at discretion: Luxemburgh is moving towards Leige, endeavouring to get between that and the king; but his majestie by long marches prevented his design.

Capt. Martin, who brought the expresse from Rook, has attended the councill, and given an account (very satisfactory) of the fleets proceedings; and that of 700 bails of cloth on board the 2 ships that miscarried, 500 were like to be saved on the Portugall shoare.

From Harwich wrote, that the Arabella packet boat on Sunday last mett and fought a French privateer, but one of her guns breaking the privateer escaped.

From Leige we hear the inhabitants are hurrying out with their effects as fast as possible; that they were fortifyeing the town, planting guns, strengthening the outworks, expecting to be beseiged by the French.

The commissioners for transportation have received fresh orders to hasten the ships to Spithead; and the victualling office are ordered to provide victualls for 20,000 men for 6 months; and the forces are ordered to Portsmouth; and the officers of the ordnance are ordered to send 10,000 stands of small arms and accoutrements for 12,000 horse.

Yesterday divers merchants and citizens offered a petition to lord mayor and court of aldermen relating to the obstruction of trade by sea, and misfortunes that have befallen their ships, to their great impoverishment, praying it to be presented to the queen to remedy the same; but his lordship rejected it, telling them they ought to have advised with him first how far it might be proper to meddle therein.

The sessions began at Old Baily the 13th, and held the 14th, 15th, and 17th of this month, where many criminals were tryed; 20 received sentence of death, (5 of which for clipping and coining,) 12 were burnt in the hand, 4 ordered into their majesties service, 1 to be transported, 5 ordered to

be whipt, and severall fined for dispersing scandalous and seditious papers against the government.

Satturday, 22d July.—Dartmouth letters of the 17th say, that our fleet, consisting of 50 sail English and Dutch men of war, sett sail that day from Torbay, standing westward for the coast of France; 'tis concluded, if they find Tourville not returned to Brest, they are to sail for Cape Finister, and endeavour to intercept his coming from the Streights, they having discretionary orders sent them to doe as they see fitting.

Weymouth, 19th; this day past by here 30 sail of victuallers to the west, under the convoy of the Dreadnought, bound for the grand fleet.

Falmouth, 17th; a Dutch caper came in here with a French prize, burthen 140 tuns, which he took near Brest.

Sheilds, July 18th; one [of] our frigats has brought in here a French privateer, with a retaken merchant man.

A Dutch caper has taken 2 French privateers on the coast of Scotland.

Yesterday the queen came to Whitehall, and held a cabinet councill morning and afternoon.

Capt. Stephens, commander of the packet boat that was sunk coming from Holland, is arrived from Holland; and has kist the queens hand, and is promised something.

Yesterday the transport ships in the river here sailed for Spithead.

The workmen and seamen in the kings yards have petitioned for their pay.

Next Teusday a 4th rate man of war, carrying 56 guns, will be lanched at Deptford, and called the New Bristoll; and another of the same rate will be launched at Redriffe.

Thursday last a petition of complaints from the Turky merchants was ready to be delivered in the common councill, then sitting, severall of the said merchants attending for that end; but the lord mayor claiming a prerogative of having first a cognizance of all petitions before they were read, and a dispute arising thereon, his lordship immediately broke up the said court; and 'tis said the merchants will petition the queen to enquire into the miscarriage of the fleet.

This day 2 soldiers were shot to death for deserting.

Irish letters this day give noe account of admirall Rook's

being arrived there, so our merchants conclude he is gone for the Tercera's.

A patent is passing the seals to constitute lord Sidney master of the ordnance.

The mother, son and daughter of were taken in the act of clipping; and with them near a bushell of clippings, and a stamp to coin guineas; the father was absent, otherwise he had been taken and committed.

A foreign mail wanting; feared she is fallen into the hands of the French.

Noe news of our Turky fleet since the Gazet.

Capt. Jennings, commander of the Victory, has laid downe his commission, because lord Berkley preferred over his head.

Lord Cutts is to be married to lord Mohuns sister, maid of honour to the queen.

The inhabitants of Paris have had severall meetings about the 4 millions of livres they are to advance in liew of the new imposts.

Great magazines are erecting in the coasts of Normandy and Britany, fearing a descent from England before Michaelmas.

The instalments of the elector of Brandenburgh, duke of Zell, and elector of Saxony will be performed at Windsor within a few dayes by proxy.

In Huy, 'tis said, there was coll. Trelawneys regiment of English, who were all made prisoners of war, and stript of their clothes: the late governour is said to be made a coll. of a regiment of foot by Luxemburgh.

The earle of Argyle is gone for Flanders, to command his regiment there; 'tis said the armies there are soe posted they cannot part without fighting.

Our ships at Cadiz and Gibralter are unlading their cargo in those ports, and planting their guns on the shore; the Spanish governours demanded custome, which the merchants refusing, couriers were sent to Madrid, but it was agreed to the satisfaction of our merchants.

Said the king of Denmark is marching with 20,000 men towards the dutchy of Holstein, which if true may occasion a rupture in those parts.

Teusday, 25th July.—Edingburgh, July 18th; Sunday last

all the episcopal meeting houses were vacant, except one, the ministers having refused to take the oaths.

The earle of Drumlanrick is named to command the forces of this kingdome during sir Thomas Levingstons absence.

A person taken coming from France has confessed 2 vessells are laden with provisions &c. for releife of the Basse; and that the French at their first conveniency intend to make a descent on Scotland.

This day one Mrs. Jones, her daughter, and 2 maids, living in Tufton street, Westminster, were committed to the Gatehouse on suspicion of clipping, there being a peice of king Charles's plate taken with them.

There is 645,078*l.* brought in on the project act.

Yesterday and this day the judges sett out on their circuits.

Our merchants have notice the French privateers have taken in the Baltick sea an Hamburgher of 40 guns; and there is a report that 30 French privateers have taken off the Cape of Good Hope two of our East India ships, the Modena, of 60 guns and 900 tunns, and Elizabeth, computed at 100,000*l.*, but the secretary of the company has no advice thereof.

The lord Sidney has made Mr. Poultney secretary to the ordnance.

Last letters from Holland say, the French, after taking Huy, were drawing towards Leige, as if they had a design on that place.

Satturday last orders were given for discharging the transport ships for the descent, and ammunition ordered to be unladen.

A mandamus is sealed and sent to Dr. Gower, master of St. Johns colledge in Cambridge, to turn out 20 fellows of that colledge refusing to take the oathes.

The capt. of the French fireship which decoyed admirall Rook is sent up hither prisoner.

Satturday last 3 preists (who were seized on their landing here from St. Omers) were brought to Whitehall, and after examination were committed to the Gatehouse.

Mondays foreign post not come in.

Yesterday, being duke of Glocesters birth day, was observed at Cambden house with great rejoycings; and he was carried to the queen in a rich dresse.

Said a Guinea ship is fallen into the hands of the French.

The Germoon spy is sailed from Plymouth with Mr. Bowles, to carry him secretary to the fleet.

Haerlem Gazet sayes, the French give out they took 30 sail of the Streights fleet, and burnt and sunk above 20 more; tho' from Cadiz it sayes but 30 in all burnt, taken, and sunk, of which severall are Danes, Swedes, and Hamburghers.

Sir Edward Seymour is gone for Exeter.

Rhine letters say prince Lewis had intercepted a letter from the dauphine to his father, giving an account of the strength of the confederates, there being joined &c.; and that he had an eye upon Franckfort and Ulm, but would beseige neither till an advantage offered.

Letters say, the Spanish armada intends to attack Nice by sea, whilst the duke of Savoy attacks it by land, he being on his march that way.

Dutch letters say, their 2 men of war that were taken maintained a fight against 13 French 11 hours, till all their ammunition was spent.

A French privateer in the channell has taken 9 English vessells, 3 of them Virginia ships.

Sir John Corbets son is to marry a sister of the earle of Salisbury's.

The queen, on the merchants petition, has ordered 2 men of war to cruize in the channell.

Said we have lost some colliers, and 2 or 3 coasters.

Our East India fleet of 11 sail is arrived with cordage, pitch, tarr, &c.

From Lisbon wrote, the French fleet are still on those coasts, and consist of 120 sail; 64 are men of war, 18 of them 3 deck ships of 80 guns to 100 each.

Thursday, 27th July.—The expresse last night from Flanders gives account that on Teusday last a 7night in the evening a great body of the French horse appeared before our camp, which gave the king occasion to think they intended to attack him the next day; on which his majestie sent away his baggage, and prepared the army to receive them, and placed his cannon soe advantageously both on the right and left wing that they proved very serviceable to him, for the Wednesday morning early Luxemburgh approached with his

whole army, being 80,000, but stopt severall hours before he thought fitt to attack us; when he did, our cannon destroyed many of his horse before many of ours were killed; the fight lasted till 4 in the afternoon, when the French forcing a very difficult passe, guarded by the Brandenburghers, who, being new raised men, gave way, tho' 7 men could not approach them abrest; the king seeing that passe lost immediately sounded a retreat, which was managed with that conduct and bravery that preserved our army, being but 45,000 strong, (large detachments having been made to Leige, 10,000 thither, and with prince of Wirtembergh 11,000, most horse and dragoons,) tho' 27,000 fresh men prest on them in their retreat: we hear not of any of our cannon being lost, except 5 peices on the right wing; the king was slightly wounded on the right side, but is very well; count Solmes had his right legg shot off; lord Portland wounded in 3 places, but not mortall; duke of Ormond, his brother, with earle of Athlone, lieutenant generalls Scravenmore and Opdam, major generall Zulesteyn, and Mr. D'rlong are missing: in the attack the French lost more then double ours, but in our retreat we received some damage; the king himselfe charged 7 or 8 times at the head of his horse, exposing his person to the hazards of a private soldier. The letters mention Sarsfeild to be killed, and duke of Berwick taken prisoner; the English guards and light horse charged the French household troops, mixt with them sword in hand, and made them retreat: the next post we expect a more particular account; tho' there are letters this day, dated last Friday, from Rotterdam, which mention a 2d engagement, wherein we had the victory, which we hope to have confirmed.

The Successe, an East India interloper of 38 guns, is arrived at Newcastle in her way hither, worth 100,000*l.*

This day the lord Berkley, at the head of the Turky merchants, presented the queen with a petition, which being read and considered, they were told effectuall care should be taken to rectifye all miscarriages that are past; and a committee appointed, to whom they should repair to carry on the Turky trade with more successe for the future.

Yesterday 6 men and 1 woman were executed at Tyburn; one of the men died a papist.

Severall of the transport ships are unlading at the Tower; some of them are to carry provisions to Guernsey for the service of our fleet as there shall be occasion.

The transport ships stand the king in 70,000*l.* per mensem.

Some French privateers went into Belfast haven, and took thence severall vessells, and carryed them off.

Callow the highwayman has poysened himselfe in Oxford goal.

The mayor of Wallingford has bound over to the assizes a commission officer for drinking king James health on his knees, and forcing severall of his soldiers to doe the like.

'Tis thought our grand fleet may goe to Cadiz; the wind has been very favourable.

Noe news of sir George Rooke, yet thought to be gone to the Madera's to wait for new orders from England.

Merchants have letters, that a Brandenburgh ship, homeward bound from Guinea, which had on board 20,000*l.* in gold dust, was taken by the French privateers.

The Successe from the East Indies has on board 250 bails of coffee; she sayes the Elizabeth, a small East India ship, and another empty, were taken by the French; but the latter was ransomed for 200*l.*; and that the Modena is not taken, as was reported.

Dutch merchants are much displeased at their losses in the Turky fleet, and impute it to ill conduct in the English, whom they blame for leaving them to the French themselves.

The king had notice of Luxemburghs intentions to attack him 8 hours before by a deserter, which gave the king time to put things in order, and to send away his baggage; (Luxemburgh took the opportunity while the king had weakened his army as he had:) the fight began at 7 in the morning, and held most furiously for 8 hours till about 4 in the afternoon, when the French broke in on the left wing on the Dutch quarter, and fell on the main body, and put them in some confusion; but they rallied again, and so made a good retreat, the French not thinking fitt to follow them; said the French have lost 14,000 men, and the confederates 5 or 6000.

The duke of Wirtemburgh came up the morning after the action was over.

8 cannon we lost.

The letters from Rotterdam say the fight was renewed the next day, and the French routed.

Satturday, 29th July.—Plymouth letters say, the Dreadnought, with 5 Dutch men of warr, sailed thence the 24th with 40 sail of victuallers and tenders under their convoy, bound to the grand fleet, which are said to ride off Bell Isle.

The orders to the transport ships to unlade their hay and oates is countermanded, and are to be continued under pay till further order.

Yesterday a draught was made out of the foot guards in Covent Garden to reinforce those in Flanders, but before it was done an order came from the queen forbidding it, there being noe occasion for it, which makes some credit the account of a 2d fight.

Letters from the Hague say, on the 31st, S. N., an expresse arrived at the Hague that prince Lewis of Baden was come up to the French army ready to engage them, and that the guns were heard to play when the expresse came away.

From Vienna advice is, that there are new commotions in Turky, and the disturbances at Constantinople are encreased; some say the French ambassadour, grand seignior, and grand vizier were all strangled, (but it is not credited,) and that some of their troops were countermanded to appease the tumults.

Duke of Luxemburgh has wrote to Leige exhorting the chapter to quitt the confederacy, and put themselves under protection of his Christian majestie, promising to free them from all their contributions for time past, and to come with other advantages, and that his own son should be hostage for performance, but they rejected it.

Most of the flower of the French army are cut off; above 20,000 killed on both sides, two thirds their's; officers slain and prisoners are uncertain; Ormond and Scravenmore said to be prisoners; prince Hanover, lord Galloway, coll. Windham, major Robert, killed.

The queen has ordered 3 regiments of horse, 1 of dragoons, and 7 of foot, to embark forthwith for Flanders.

Mr. Charles Blount shot himselfe this morning with one of his pistolls mortall.

Regiments that goe for Flanders are, Colliers, Hastings, St.

George, Tiffany, Belcastle, Camboon, La Melonier; with a battalion of guards, Coy, Villiers, and Portlands, with Matthews dragoons.

The states generall on news of late fight have unanimously agreed to prosecute the war with greater vigour, have signified the same to the ministers of the allies, and have appointed deputies to acquaint his majestie therewith, and to thank him for his great service and conduct, and to present him with a million of livres.

An expresse is come from our fleet before Bell Isle of the 23d, that Tourville was not returned to Brest, and they were going to meet him.

One letter from the Hague sayes, that in the 2d fight Luxemburgh was killed with the first shot, and the lord Portland on the confederates side, and that the French retreated in disorder.

The queen has had no expresse since Wednesday last.

The transport ships have orders to carry over 11 regiments above.

The bombardeers and firemasters designed for the descent are discharged.

This day the lord Sidney went to the Tower, and took his place as master generall of the ordnance.

This afternoon the queen had an expresse that the fleet were before Brest the 23d, and having intelligence that the French fleet was not returned thither, were sailed towards the bay of Biscay to endeavour to meet them.

Haywood the messenger is turn'd out of his place for letting Newbolt and Butler escape out of his custody.

Last night Mr. Charles Blunt, brother to sir Thomas, shot himselfe for love of his former wifes sister, but is not dead.

A Dutch privateer has brought 3 French prizes to Falmouth.

Thursday next is appointed to hear the lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton, what they can alledge against passing lord Coningsby and sir Charles Porter's pardon.

Lady Overkirk has received a letter from her husband last post, that he and his son were taken prisoners by the French, but retaken by a party of Dutch horse, who behaved themselves very well.

Other letters say, earle of Athlone came safe to our camp

next morning; that Ormond, Zulesteyn, and Scravenmore, and Opdam, are taken prisoners; that the prince of Honover, with the general of those forces, coll. Windham, and major Fobert, &c. were killed; that Talmach is well; the lord Colchester was not in the action, being sick at Brussels.

The foreign mail due is not arrived.

This night a gentleman arrived at Whitehall from Ostend, who was in duke of Wirtemberghs camp; that the king send him word he need not fatigue himselfe and troops by long marches to join him, for that he was in a better condition then he expected: he adds, the French lost 18,000 men, and we upwards of 10,000; that Luxemburgh was in the kings camp at Park, and his majestie at Dieghem, between him and Brussells: the duke of Ormond, duke of St. Albans, and coll. Stanley, brother to the earle of Darby, are killed; we took prisoners, duke of Main, duke of Barwick, and Luxemburghs son; the last of which the king sent back to his father next day: he heard nothing of a 2d battle.

Teusday, 1st August.—Yesterday came in a Spanish packet, which brings, that the Sheernesse gally frigat of 50 guns, said to be lost, is in the Groyne; and that the English in the late action with the French lost only 2 ships, viz. the Sussex of 350 tunns, bound for Leghorn, and another bound for Malaga; the Dutch lost 2 men of war, and there is taken and destroyed of Dutch, Danes, and Hamburghers, 17 merchant ships: Tourville is still in Lagos bay, attending the return of some ships to be sent to the Canaries and the Barbary coast to look after sir George Rook, as also to be joined by the count D'estree's squadron.

This day came in a foreign post; letters from the kings camp at Dieghem of the 4 of August say, that in the late action in Flanders we had not above 5000 men killed and wounded, and the French above thrice the number; generall Talmach, with the infantry, made a brave retreat, the French not being able to break in upon them; Luxemburgh has not sent to Louvain to raise contributions, as the Gazet mentions: neither are they at Park, but retired to Namur sick of the action, in which they had killed 20 lieutenant generalls, major generalls, and brigadeer generalls, and 8 more wounded, and proportionably of other officers: Luxemburgh sent 6000 horse to fall upon our baggage and heavy cannon, but came too late;

the duke of Berwick, with severall of his party, broke thro' with design to kill the king, but were all cutt to peices except himselfe, who was made prisoner.

The story of count Tilly's taking the French cannon proves false.

The king being joined with severall detachments is about 50,000 strong without Wirtemburghs troops: the duke of Ormond is not killed, but wounded in the neck and belly, but not dangerously, and a prisoner at Namur: we have lost no officers of the degree of a coll. but one, a Dutchman, and count Solmes; lieutenant coll. Wingfield of the guards is killed; coll. Fitzpatricks arm broke; coll. Seymors leg broke; coll. Earle shot thro' the body, but not mortall; sir Charles Haro, coll. Mackay, and Shrimpton, wounded; Zulesteyn, Scravenmore, Athlones son, and Lawder, wounded, and prisoners; lieutenant generall of the Hanover troops wounded mortally; duke of Bavaria had 3 horses shott under him.

There are all the particulars at present; expect another post this night.

The prince of Chimay and the baron Commercy came over in the Spanish packet boat with 20 Dutch men which belonged to the ships destroyed, and they say the French fleet ride before Cadiz, and suffer noe ship to goe in or out; that our grand fleet were stretching thro' the bay of Biscay, intending for Cadiz.

They say, Tourville had sent 7 men of war to intercept our West India fleet.

Concluded sir George Rook is at the Madera's.

The Eagle, a small ship, is returned to Dartmouth from St. Maloes with 93 exchanged prisoners; they had news there of a great fight in Flanders, but the French made no rejoycings at it.

Orders are sent for Ireland to send over 4 regiments of foot and 1 of dragoons for England, to supply those that are going hence for Flanders.

33 sails are safely arrived from Barbadoes in the north of England.

The foreign post brings, that the duke of Wirtembergh had raised 4 millions and ½ of livres in the new French conquests.

Said after the fight was over duke of Barwick rush'd into our camp with 14 ruffians with design to kill the king, who was then in his tent; one of them presented a pistoll to the king, but Mr. Capell, groom of the chamber, put it by, and shot him dead; another made the like attempt, but they killed him also; and the alarm being taken, they were all cutt in peices, except the duke, who was taken prisoner.

'Tis said the Dutch horse suffered 20 squadrons of the French to break in, one after the other, otherwise the enemy would have been totally routed.

The French have lost a great many of their nobility; prince Paul of Lorrain and his son; the duke D'Uzzeaze, duke D' St. Simon, 4 brigadeers of horse, and divers other great officers of foot.

Said our kings army will march towards the enemy in few dayes.

The English made a breast work of the dead, to cover them in the time of action.

Rhine letters mention noe battle there, but that the army's faced each other.

Thursday, 3d August.—Paris letters say, Tourville has sent all the prizes he took of the Turky fleet to Thoulon; and also has sent 8 men of war, with 2 bombing vessells and fire-ships, to attempt burning the 4 Turky ships at Gibralter; but our merchants have advice the seamen have unloaden the said ships, and planted their gunns on shoare, to hinder the French coming at them.

Cologne, August 4; the bishop of Munster has promised to assist the bishop of Leige with 6000 men; 4 of the cannons of that chapter are imprisoned for proposing to accept of the neutrality offered by the French.

A vessell put into Marizon in Cornwall sayes he mett our grand fleet the 26 of last month in the bay of Biscay making towards Cadiz; and that the admiralls had sent some light frigats before to look into the bay of Lagos, and other forts, to bring them advice of the enemy; and he adds, that every day they espyed some of the enemies scout ships, and had taken one of them.

One Chetworth, who pilotted in the French privateers that burnt the lord Widdringtons house 2 years since, being taken

in a privateer and sent prisoner to Newgate, is sent prisoner to Newcastle to be tryed.

Mr. attorney generall having prepared a new charter for the East India company by the kings order, this day the lord mayor and others who subscribed for a new East India company attended in councell, praying to be heard against the said charter, and they are ordered to be heard this day fortnight.

The affair of the lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton against passing lord Coningsby and sir Charles Porter's pardons came before the councill: the former gave in a paper containing the effects of what they had to offer, as if they designed to impeach them the next parliament; the latter had councill ready to plead; but after some debate 'twas ordered that the lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton give in their charge in writing this day fortnight, and this day 6 weeks the matter to be heard on both sides in councill.

Yesterday the lord president returned from the Bath.

A Portugeeze ship arrived at Plymouth from Oporto sayes he mett in his voyage a French privateer of 38 guns, who told him he had taken 3 English ships bound to Newfound land, commanded by capt. Sands, Derby, and Lord.

One capt. Tyrwhit taken in the Mint on Sunday last, who had in his custody 4 drums, severall blunderbushes, 20 carbines, and a hamper of swords and pistolls.

One Christmas and Crosse, inhabitants of Westminster, are taken up for treasonable practices.

Some letters say prince Lewis and the French were engaged on the Rhine, tho' other letters say they were but in sight, and would join battle very soon.

The Haerlem Gazet sayes the French lost 16,000 men, whereof 3000 were officers, and 50 of them of note; that the allies took 500 prisoners, 32 of them officers; and took 32 standards and colours: the allies lost 6 or 7000; but the letters doe not agree where Luxemburgh is; some say he is within 5 or 6 hours of Leige or Maestricht; others that he is retired to Namur, whither he has sent great numbers of sick and wounded men, and to Huy and Dinant: the king has ordered 3 regiments of foot and 2 of dragoons to reinforce Maestricht, and 7000 Munster and Lunenburghers to Leige;

'tis said Luxemburgh has ordered the castle of Huy to be blown up, and the works demolished, as soon as the campagne is ended; the king observing a Dutch officer to run away in the fight shot him; that the contributions raised by Wirtembergh are sent to Ghent to pay the confederate army.

Last night Stroud and Francis, of earle of Oxfords regiment, fought in Tuttle feilds; the former was kill'd, the other seiz'd and committed to the Gatehouse.

A Dutch caper has brought into Cowes one of the French kings spy boats of 8 guns and 6 patereroes.

The 11 regiments designed for Flanders are countermanded.

Satturday, 5th August.—Plymouth letters of the 2d say 4 ships are arrived there from Barbadoes; 10 more of their company put into Falmouth, one of which sayes came from Guinea; and 5 others, with 2 East India ships, the Dorothy and Diana, are gone round by Scotland: they say, about the beginning of July last another homeward bound fleet would be ready to sail from Barbadoes under convoy of 2 men of war; and that the said island continues still unhealthy.

Severall ships are come in here in 18 dayes from Oporto, who say the French fleet were in Lagos bay when they left that coast; that they received necessaries from Portugall; but give no account of our grand fleet, having not seen them all the way.

Yesterday's letters say, from Bristoll, that a ship was come in there who left Limrick last Teusday; the master sayes that sir George Rook, with about 58 sail of men of war and merchant men, were come into Kingsale.

The lady Arabella Berkley is married to capt. Poultney, eldest son to the late sir William.

The 11 regiments lately designed for Flanders are countermanded, being to continue in England, and 3 regiments more are coming from Ireland.

The transport ships are all discharged.

Some letters from Flanders say, last post, Sarsfeild was not killed, but carried to Namur wounded, with coll. Langston, prisoner; but noe account of it at secretaries office.

The states have sent pentionary Heinsius to congratulate his majestie on his preservation in so bloody a fight; and they have made the king a present of 100,000 duckats in gold,

worth about 50,000*l.*, resolving to make new levies to recruit their troops as his majestie shall direct.

Mr. D'avaux, the French ambassador at Sweden, has proposed to that king from his master the mediation of a generall peace as to England, Holland, Flanders, and Spain.

Mr. Travers, hatmaker in Southwark, was convicted at Croydon assizes for speaking words against the government, and fined 100 marks, and to stand in the pillory.

Mr. attorney generall has ordered a prosecution against sir Wm. Gore, alderman of London, for serving their majesties fleet and army with beds made of goats, horse, and dogs hair, instead of flocks, contrary to the statute.

3 persons were this day committed to Newgate for clipping.

The Charles gally is ordered to cruize off Harwich to secure the packet boat.

This day a form of prayer of thanksgiving was published to be used to morrow for his majesties preservation in the late fight.

A foreign post is wanting.

The lord Sidney has taken on him the command of the 1st regiment of foot guards, which Schonbergh had.

The devastations made by Wirtembergh in the French conquests, 'tis wrote from Paris, amount to 8 millions of livres.

From Savoy, that Duke threatens to invade Dauphine, being much superior to Catinat.

The imperial army are marching towards Temeswaer to beseige that place before they attack Belgrade.

The surgeon generall in our army writes, we have but 1200 men wounded, many of which will be ready to goe abroad in few dayes.

Wirtembergh has joined his majestie, and our army will march towards the French, who continue about Namur.

Sir Francis Wheeler is expected this month with the other Barbadoes fleet; he brings with him the plunder taken from the French in Martineco and Guadalupe.

Leyden Gazet sayes, duke of Berwick is ransomed for 3000*l.*; it sayes, the 1st time the French broke into our lines with 5 batallions they were all cutt off except a lieutenant and 2 common soldiers; and the 2d time they were most cutt off; but the 3d time they prest in with 15,000 horse, and then

bore all before them; in the retreat of the allies many were drowned in the river, which proved a barricado to the French; the bridge being broken down they could pursue noe further.

Teusday, 8th August.—Last night came in 2 Dutch mails; from Cadiz wrote, Tourville having detached about 20 men of war to Gibralter, 2 of which, with a bomb vessell and fireships, went up the bay; on which 4 rich Turky ships, the Shandois, Asia, Italian Merchant, and Loyalty, with one Dutch, sunk themselves in 18 foot water to their 2d deck, and then fired them, having landed but few of their goods, because the Spanish governor demanded 25*l.* per cent. customes; said most of them were landed: there are letters from same ports come to the Hague which say, that Tourville, on advice of the English fleet coming towards Lagos bay, was past the Streights to join D'estree, and 'twas beleiv'd they'd attempt burning the Spanish fleet, and after that winter at Thoulon; but other letters say Tourville lay before Oran, to assist the Moors in taking that place, who came downe with 20,000 men to surprize that place, but that the Spaniards had beat them off in 3 severall attacks with great losse.

Piedmont letters say, marquess of Leganez was entered Peruze, and possest himselfe of most of the Redoubts there; prince Eugene with another body was enter'd the enemies country at another passe; and the duke of Savoy moving towards Suza, Catinat thereon drew his army that way, but the duke on a sudden marched directly towards Pignerol, and, 'tis said, has invested Bridget fort, that commands the towne.

From Vienna, that the duke De Croy had past the Save, defeated a great body of Turks that opposed him, and was marching directly to beseige Belgrade.

From the Upper Rhine, that the dauphine having past the Neckar, and taking a view of prince Lewis camp, found him soe strongly posted that he retired over the Neckar again without any action, except one wing of each army some canonading each other.

From the kings camp at Wellen, August 13th; his majestie, on advice that Luxemburgh had sent 12,000 men towards Bois le Duc to raise contributions, sent the earle of Athlone with a strong detachment to prevent them, and on his approach they retired; the duke of Wirtembergh has joined the king with

his detachment, and 30 peices of cannon; and our army being now stronger then before the fight, are preparing to march towards Luxemburgh, who is betwixt Namur and Leige.

There were killed, wounded, and taken prisoners, of the forces in English pay in the late fight, 59 horse officers, 472 troopers, 97 foot officers, and 2467 soldiers, besides Dutch, Spaniards, and other of the allies; the English took 14 standards and 15 colours, and the Spaniards about the same; lord Galway, Zulesteyn, Brovay, &c. are come to our camp from Namur, and the duke of Ormond and Scravenmore will doe the like as soon as their wounds are well.

Orders are sent to sir George Rook at Kingsale to hasten with his squadron into the channell.

A draught will be made speedily out of the regiments here to recruit those in Flanders; and a train of artillery is preparing at the Tower for that place.

On Satturday last 3 clippers were seized near Temple Barr, and committed to Newgate.

Yesterday lord mayor and sheriffs went to congratulate her majestie on the kings preservation.

Reported the French are embarking men at Havre de Grace, &c., therefore Rook sent for into the channell.

The Guernsey frigat arrived at Plymouth from Jamaica sayes that island has frequent tremblings since the great earthquake, which is very affrightfull to the inhabitants.

The court is going into mourning for the death of the queen of Sweden.

A French privateer of 8 guns has lately taken 4 prizes, one a ship of Bristoll of burden.

Yesterday 14 waggons with warlike stores went from the Tower to Portsmouth to embarque with some regiments for Flanders.

A Portugeeze ship arrived sayes, the French have not burnt any ships at Gibralter; and that the English fleet made directly for Lagos bay, where he beleiv'd the French fleet were, they having noe notice of our coming.

French letters boast of their great victory in Flanders.

Said the French fired some bombs into Cadiz, and did some damage; burnt the 4 Turky ships, and a Dutch ship home

bound from Smyrna; but let the Venetians and others goe out free.

Said duke of Wirtemburgh will be made generall of our foot, which count Solmes had; that our army were 52,000, and were marching towards Luxemburgh.

Thursday, 10th August.—Last week our lord mayor coming from Greenwich, where he with severall alderman had been to keep a court, severall young gentlemen, who had been drinking hard, would force themselves into his barge, whereon a contest arose; one had his finger cutt off, and others wounded, and all of them were secured.

Hague, 15th August.—50 peices of great cannon were sent to the duke De Croy to attack Belgrade; that the king of Denmark has arrested the Dutch convoy in the sound, with severall of their and our merchant ships, by way of reprizall of those Danish ships we seized last year carrying contraband goods for France; on which the states have ordered 20 men of warr to those seas to secure their commerce; and his majestie of Great Brittain has sent the lord Lexington to that king to endeavour an accommodation of that, and the difference between him and the house of Lunenburgh, and that he send no more troops to Holstein to disturb the peace of the empire.

The king has sent for the lord Sidney to come away imediately for Flanders, who embarks next Satturday.

Capt. Ball, an English officer who had the command of 6 peices of cannon in the late fight, after most of the men had left the feild was attacked by the French, but he played the cannon so smartly on them that they retired, and he brought the 6 peices of cannon to our camp; whereon he has kist the kings hand, and is promised preferment.

Our merchants had yesterday advice that 5 French privateers had burnt on the northern coast 6 Dutch and 2 English Greenland ships, and was feared severall others of them would be either taken or destroyed.

Our Turky merchants were this day at Whitehall to take measures relating to the remainder of their fleet, and attended the councill thereon.

There was a bill of indictment preferred at the assizes of Cambridge against Dr. Gower, master of St. Johns colledge,

for suffering severall of the fellows to enjoy their fellowships, tho' they had not taken the oathes according to the act of parliament; yet the grand jury refused to find the bill, to the wonder of the court.

Yesterday the fast was observed strictly, where a councill was held in the afternoon till 5, the queen present.

Said a generall thanksgiving will be next week for preservation of his majestie in the late fight.

King has sent orders to stop the 11 regiments embarking, and that only draughts be made out of them to fill up those in Flanders.

5 great merchants ships in the river are ordered to be taken up for men of warr.

An officer that was prisoner at Namur sayes, for 13 dayes together there died successively above 40 French officers that were wounded in the fight.

From Paris wrote, that court is much concerned at beseiging Pignerol, as thinking it will be lost, Catinat being in no condition to releive it; they say further, that king had a violent fitt of an ague, but by taking Jesuits powder it was diverted.

From Brussells wrote, the French own to have killed and wounded in the late fight 24,842 men.

The packet boat from the Groyn arrived the 5th at Falmouth with 150 Dutch seamen, which the French put on shore in Spain; and say, that the Adventure and Saldadoes frigats were come into the Groyne from the grand fleet for refreshment, and to learn news of the French fleet.

Orders are sent to Portsmouth from the lords of the admiralty to enlarge the harbour and yard, the grand fleet being to be laid up there.

Said lord Sidney will be generall of the English foot in the room of count Solmes.

The French king has given the duke of Ormond permission to return ransom free to the confederate camp, and for his coach to fetch him.

The lord mayor intends to call a common councill to propose their sending the queen 200,000*l.* on the poll act.

Satturday, 12th August.—This day was published their majesties proclamation for the preventing of the stealth and imbezilment of their majesties stores of war.

The dock at Portsmouth is near finished, where our 1st and 2d rate men of war will be laid up in winter, and not come round to Chattham as formerly, to prevent any miscarriage on the Goodwin sands, &c.

Our winter guard will consist of about 30 ships, 3d, 4th, and 5th rates; 5 merchant ships are already taken up for that service.

100 foot out of every regiment in England will be drawn out and sent to Flanders to recruit our regiments there; and 365 horse to be taken out of the troops, without men, to be transported thither.

Last night a transport ship at Deptford, laden with hay, oates, &c., ready to sail for Flanders, took fire, and was all consumed.

The French capers have much molested the English in New foundland; and that they have 4 men of war in the East Indies, one of which carries 70 guns; they took 2 English ships, the Samson and the Elizabeth; the 1st was ransomed, the other carried off, being partly laden.

On Wednesday last, coll. Camboon, commander of a French regiment of refugees, died here.

Capt. Sanders, lately a prisoner at Marsailles, since his coming hither reports 'twas the common discourse that the French would have notice when our Turky fleet sailed, and intercept them, on which the lord Nottingham sent to examine him.

A councell was held this afternoon to consider of methods for carrying on the Turky trade, and severall of those merchants attended.

An expresse is sent after our fleet to bring back the merchant ships that are in Cales.

Beleived the Holland packet boat is taken by the French, because not come in when the wind is fair.

Mr. Neal, the groom porter, has published a project, calling it profitable adventure for the fortunate; 50,000 lotts, at 10*s.* a lott, are to be put into his hands, which will amount to 25,000*l.*, out of which he deducts 10*l.* per cent. for his management, and the other 22,500*l.* he devides into 250 benefitted lotts or tickets, as follows: one of 3000*l.*, one of 2500*l.*, one of 2000.*l*, one of 1500*l.*, one of 1000*l.*, one of 500*l.*, one of

300*l.*, one of 200*l.*, two of 150*l.*, and 50 of 100*l.*, 40 of 50*l.*, 50 of 40*l.*, and 120*l.* each (*sic*); [query, 100 of 22*l.* each?]; the other 49,750 lotts to be blanks, which he expects will be drawn of this Bartholomew tide.

The French king wrote to the archbishop of Paris, that his army had routed the confederates, made a great slaughter, and obliged vast numbers to throw themselves into a river, where they were drowned; that he had taken 66 peices of cannon, 8 mortars, 9 pontoons, 12 kettle drums, 60 standards, 22 colours; and so ordered Te Deum to be sung, and the cannon to be discharged round the Bastile.

Coll. Langston writes from Namur that Sarsfeild is dead of his wounds.

A Dutch caper brought into Foy a French prize laden with provisions for the French fleet.

A draught was made out of the lord Oxfords regiments yesterday for Flanders.

The king has made a great reform among his officers, and dismist severall for being negligent in their duty in the light fight, particularly a Dutch generall, and one of the cheife officers of the train; and has ordered 500 horses of 15*l.* apeice to be bought with speed.

The Dutch losse in the Turky fleet is computed at 1,200,000*l.*, the English about halfe that.

Our fleet is said to be come back to Ushant.

5 French privateers have destroyed 27 Greenland Dutch ships.

Reported this morning that the French fleet have done much damage to Port Mahone at Minorca; 'tis beleived they will take the Spanish fleet.

Lord Nottingham has laid out in a purchase in Yorkshire 80,000*l.*, part of the duke of Bucks estate of 5000*l.* a year.

Lord Sidney embarques on Monday.

Marquesse of Caermarthen indisposed.

Foreign mail wanting.

Teusday, 15th August.—Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails, one of which was that fered to be lost.

From the duke of Savoys camp before Pignerol, August the 3d; we continue our attaques against Fort St. Bridget; the Germans took the counterscarp, with the losse of 150 men;

after which the trenches on this side Pignerol were opened, and the heavy cannon are coming from Alexandria; the enemy made a sally, but were repulsed, with 40 killed and 20 taken; we have finished 2 other batteries against the fort; and 6000 Spaniards have cutt off the communication betwixt that and Pigneroll; Catinat continues about Susa, drawing together what forces he can.

Vienna, August the 8th; count Dunawalt is arrived here from the duke D'Croy, with account that our army passed the Save the 30th of last month, loosing but 5 men; and was come near Belgrade to form the seige thereof: some deserters say there are not above 4 or 5000 men in garison there, and the Turks have not an army in the feild sufficient to releive it.

From the confederate camp, near Hailbron, 14th August; the dauphine has repast the Neckar with his whole army, and lies now between Benghen and Bettighegn: the boores in the dutchy of Wirtembergh got together, and drove the French out of Studgart, their principall citty, killing 200 that were posted in that place, and taken upon them the defence of it; and the boores in the woods have within 8 dayes past killed 400 French; upon which D'Lorge has sent a sharp letter to prince Lovis, that unles he commands the boors to lay down their arms, he'le destroy the country with fire and sword: he also complains that their men were forced to take service in Hungary, which, if not remedyed, he threatens to send ours where they should be noe more heard of: many continue to desert amongst them; severall English that took service in France, after the war of Ireland, who say that the dauphine will send a detachment to Flanders, and another of 10,000 of his best troops to Piedmont, and soon after return to Verseilles.

Yesterday a violent storm happened in our camp which overturn'd most of our tents: prince Lovis is ill of the flux; the sickness continues in the French army, and ours is not free of it.

From the kings camp at Limbeck, 20th August; on Satterday his majestie took a review of the whole army at Weemell, which he found upwards of 50,000 in a good condition: we have now an exact list of the confederate army in the battle of Landen: officers killed, 214; wounded, 296; soldiers killed,

5791; wounded, 3662; but among these allowances may be made for straglers since the fight, and false musters before: Scravenmore is return'd from Namur; he sayes 1200 wounded French officers were brought in there, of which 400 dyed; and returning by the French army, he saw many battallions of foot had not 150 men each: duke of Ormond is expected next Satterday at Brussells.

Hague, August 21st; the deputies of Amsterdam have proposed in the assembly of the states the raising 30,000 land forces more to be added to the army, and equipping 40 men of war to be added to their fleet: Luxemburgh is about Gemblours, between the kings army and Charleroy.

This day the lords of the treasury, &c. came into the citty to borrow what money they could conveniently spare for her majesties occasions, upon the review of the poll; which the common councill promised to use their utmost interest to perform, and imediately subscribed a great summe themselves; as also an addresse to the queen to congratulate his majesties deliverance in Flanders.

A Guinea ship, capt. Leach commander, vallue 40,000*l.*, being overpowered by 2 French privateers off Cape Clear, and he mortally wounded, put his men into the long boat, and blew up the ship, and himselfe in it.

Thursday, 17th August.—The last Paris letters say, that a great number of Swede and Danish ships, laden with navall stores, were come into their ports; that the intendant of the marine would imploy their ladeing in building 18 men of warr, from 90 to 100 guns, which are upon the stocks, in hopes to joyn the fleet with them next spring; the dauphine is ordered to returne to court; but D'Lorge, to make himselfe master of the posts in the country of Wirtembergh, to winter quarter part of his army there: the Genoa ships lately taken near the Streights are condemned as good prize, having English effects on board, and being in company with admirall Rooke.

Edingburgh, August 10; their majesties ship the Centurion mett on the coast of Aberdeen 6 French privateers, whom he engaged a considerable time, and at last took 2 of them; and another English frigat coming up, are both gone in pursuit of the rest.

Falmouth, 12th August; the St. Albans pacquet boat is pre-

paring to sail for the Groyne with an expresse of great importance for the king of Spain.

This day was held a great councill at Whitehall, the commissioners of the navy, victualling office, and lords of the admiralty attending, where a motion was made, that in regard the French fleet had passed the Streights to winter at Thoulon, our grand fleet should doe the like at Cadiz to intercept their returne, &c., but we dont hear the result.

A great fleet of victuallers are ordered to sail after them under convoy of severall men of warr.

The passing the new East India company's charter was also argued before the councill, but the consideration thereof referred to this day fortnight.

The lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton afterwards delivered in their charge against sir Charles Porter and lord Coningsby, which being read, an order was made that their pardons should be stopt till the matter was heard in parliament.

Mr. Cleggat the messinger, being on the scout towards Margaret, and searching some vessells, found in an Ostender, Newbolt and Butler, the 2 printers who lately escaped from Hayward the messenger: there was also taken one Farr, a printer, concern'd in printing king James declarations: they had a great many guineas about them; and are all committed to the Gatehouse.

Mounsieur Moungee, a French merchant, is sent to Newgate for treasonable practices.

This day the lord Ross, son to the earle of Rutland, was married to the late lord Russells daughter.

It's said a match is agreed upon between the present lord Russell and Mrs. Houland, jun., worth near 200,000*l*; and an other between the lord Dalkeith, eldest son to the duke of Monmouth, and the lady Cherlot Hyde, daughter to the earle of Rochester.

This citty is busy in raising the money the queen desired; and this day the lord mayor, aldermen, and common councell attended her majestie with their address I mentioned in my last.

Noe foreign post due till to morrow.

Satturday, 19th August.—Plymouth, August 15th; yesterday came in here the Plymouth and Deptford from the grand

fleet, whom they left 10th instant off Ushant; and sayes they are coming for Torbay, being in great want of provisions and water.

The 40 English and Dutch victuallers, that sailed from hence the 24th past, under convoy of the Dreadnought, Winchester, London, and 5 Dutch men of warr having missed them in the way; nor doe we hear what's become of the said victuallers and their convoy: they add, that our fleet had been in search of the French fleet about 80 leagues south W. of Ushant, but not soe far as Lagos bay.

Yesterday an express came to Whitehall that our grand fleet was come into Torbay, bringing with them 5 or 6 French privateers, and a retaken merchant ship.

The Plymouth letters add, that the Bourdeaux Merchant off and for London was brought in there by the Crowne frigat, who retook her from a French privateer; and that a French soldier in coll. Earle's regiment was shott for deserting.

Mr. Charles Turner, sone to the late baron Turner, and querrie to king James, being shuteing in Cheshire, gave his gun to his servant to hold, which accidentally going off killed the said Turner.

And yesterday a gentleman was taken up in the river near White Fryars with his throat cutt, and a stabb in his belly.

Some letters from Cornwall and other parts in the west advise that there has lately hapned great stormes of hail, &c. which hath done much damage to the corne.

On Thursday last Dr. Oates was married to one Mrs. Wells, a young gentlewoman in the citty, worth 2000*l.*

This day the draughts made out of the regiment of guards embarqued to recruit those in Flanders.

Letters from Dublin, 10th August, say, that a great difference had happened there between the English and Scotch merchants about a prize ship sold by inch of candle, in soe much that one Bell, a Scotchman, took an English merchant by the nose on the Exchange, which engaged the English and Scotch there upon the quarrell, till the guards came and parted them: after which the said Bell was carryed before the lord mayor, whom he called rascall and beggar, and said the English merchants there were all bankrupts; on which his lordship

committed him, and the matter was to be heard the Friday following before the lords justices.

Upwards of 80,000*l.* is already brought into the exchequer of the loan advancing by the citty.

We are wanting a foreign post.

Teusday, 22d August.—Falmouth, the 17th; the Spanish Expedition pacquet boat arrived here yesterday from the Groyne, and brought with them 45 Dutch sailors; among them 2 captains, who left their ships on the Portugall coast: they bring account, that Tourville had appeared before Alicant, and sent a boate on shoare to acquaint the inhabitants, that if they did not send him refreshments he would bombard the place; whereon they sent him beefe, mutton, bread, wine, and fruit, to the vallue of 3000*l.*; on which he did not molest them, but stood with his fleet for Barcelona.

The letters from Gibralter say, that the Loyalty and Asia, 2 of the English Smyrna ships sunk there, are weighed up; and that they are working on the Italian Merchant and Shandois, soe that most of the goods will be saved, tho' much damaged.

Lord keeper, sir John Trenchard, lord cheife justice Holt, Mr. Hampden, and Mr. Boscawen, are appointed a committee to hear complaints and other matters relating to the miscarriages of the Turky fleet, and to consider of means to preserve that trade for the future, and to sitt every afternoon at Whitehall.

Mounsieur Dallion, a French minister, last Sunday, preaching in Dr. Thompson church in Friday street, on the 18th of St. John and 36 verse, had severall expressions in his sermon to this effect; that the nation could never thrive without they brought back their banisht king; and that the emperor Maximillian made a true observation when he said the king of England was rex diabolorum, with many other reflections on the government; upon which he was seized, and brought with his sermon in writing before Mr. secretary Trenchard, who committed him to the custody of a messenger.

The lady Mildred Cæcill, sister to the earle of Salisbury, is married to sir Nedall Corbett.

Dyer the news writer is again taken into custody for writing

seditious news against the government, so that there will be 3 indictments against him next sessions.

Edinburgh, August 15th; we have advice that an English Virginia ship, worth 4000*l.*, was taken by a French privateer: the 3 persons lately taken coming from the Basse have received their indictments in order to be tryed.

Our merchants have advice that the Clously gally has taken a Genoa ship, on board of which were 100 brasse cannon going for France; and that count D'estree has beseiged Ceuta by sea, whilst the Moores doe the same by land on the African coast against Gibralter.

We are wanting 2 Dutch posts.

Thursday, 24th August.—This evening came in 2 foreign mailes, which say that the duke of Croy was forming his lines of circumvallation about Belgrade; the Turks made a strong sally, but were beaten back with losse; the Brandenburgh auxiliary forces have passed the Save, and the rest were following.

They write from the camp before St. Bridget, that the duke of Savoys forces had made them selves masters of the covered way by assault, loosing about 500 men, and that they were ready to make an assault on the body of the place; whereupon the beseiged offered to surrender on condition they might retire with their guns and ammunition into Pigneroll, which would not be granted unless they surrendred on discretion.

They write from Germany, that the dauphine was returned to Verseilles, having 1st detacht 12,000 men to Piedmont, and another body to Flanders; from which place they write that Luxemburgh was resolved to beseige Audenard or Charleroy. His majestie has removed his camp to Stenkirk, where the last years battle was; and Luxemburgh lyes about Nevill.

From Paris they write, that their king had countermanded his fleet in the Mediterranean from attaqueing Barcelona; and that they were to land some men in Provence, being resolved to succour Pigneroll if possible.

Yesterday 5 French and one English man, supposed to be spyes, were taken out of one Plats house in White Fryars, and being carried to the secretaries office, 3 of them were admitted to bail.

Some dayes since the earles of Devonshire, Shrewsbury,

Mountague, admirall Russell, &c. went to Northamptonshire to visit the earle of Sunderland, which occasion the discourse that the said earle would be speedily preferr'd.

The Turky company have orders to get ready their Levant fleet by November, when a strong convoy will be ready for them.

They write from Torbay, that 3 messengers are arrived there, part of their business being to take up the steward of the Royall William for holding correspondence with the French; and that a squadron of men of war will be speedily sent to Holland to convoy his majestie over, but not known who shall command the same, competitors for it being lord Berkley, lord Danby, and capt. Mitchell; that there is no true understanding between the admiralls; and some officers have subscribed a protestation against others.

This day the lord Bellamount and coll. Hamilton petitioned the councill that they might have leave to take coppies of severall orders, &c. out of the councell books in Ireland, in order to make good their charge against sir Charles Porter and lord Coningsby while the councill were sitting.

Advice was brought that Roger Mompesson, esq. entered the house of the duke of Bolton, drew his sword, and wounded him, for which a messenger was ordered to take him into custody.

The princesse of Denmark is coming to court to reconcile her selfe to the queen.

The written letters this day from Holland say that Fort St. Bridget was surrendred.

Satturday, 26th August.—The 2 foreign posts which came in late on Thursday night bring these further particulars than what I mentioned in my last: from Paris of the 25th they write, that the king has sent into Prussia and Barbary to buy up corn for his magazines; that a great convoy was preparing for the islands, which would sail about October.

An express is arrived from mounsieur Catinat, that on the 13th Fort St. Bridget was in the enemies hands, the garison retiring by a private way into Pigneroll, having first laid trains to blow up the said fort, but they were discovered, and prevented; he presses for speedy succours, otherwise that important place will be lost.

The letters add, that an express was sent to the mareschall D'Noalles forthwith to detach 3000 foot and 5000 horse from Catalonia; and forces are ordered from other parts to march with all speed to join Catinat, in order to releive Pigneroll.

Brussells, the 26th; both armies in Flanders are very sickly of the bloody flux, the lieutenant generall of the Hanover troops, baron Opdam and count Noelles being very ill; earle of Athlone is not yet recovered of his ague, but the duke of Wirtembergh is gone this day to the camp, the states, on his majesties recommendation, having made him generall of their foot in room of count Solmes; on which the prince of Berkenfelt, eldest lieutenant generall in the service, and some other Dutch officers, aske his majestie leave to retire from his camp: Vauban, the French engineer, is come to Luxemburghs camp; preparations are making at Namur for some seige, but they'l scarce attempt till they are reinforced with 10,000 men from the sea coasts, and as many under Boufflers from Germany: our army is much stronger then before the battle, and if the French sitt downe before any place, we may expect to hear of another fight.

Holstein, the 25th; the Danes have possest themselves of the passes about Ratsburgh, and cutt off the communication between that and Lubeck, but are forbad to fire a gun till the king of Denmark comes into the camp, who was expected the next day; the inhabitants prepare for a vigorous defence, the matter being not likely to be accommodated between the king and house of Lunenburgh.

Letters from Vienna say that Belgrade has a garison of 8000 men, comanded by 3 bassa's, and well provided for a seige, as the deserters report.

From the Upper Rhine, August the 21st; prince Lovis is pretty well recovered: the hussars have given in a list of 4000 horse they have taken this campagne from the French: there has been prodigious storms of hail, &c., which lay above a foot thick, and continued 2 dayes before it melted, which did great mischeife, especially about Wirtsburgh.

One Commens, a merchant, and some others, were yesterday taken into custody, and bills found about them, that they were remitting 10,000*l.* to king James, and that they had sent him severall 1000 of pounds since the abdication.

The earle of Galway has writt to the duke of Leinster that the king of France is very ill.

Yesterday, about 5 in the morning, 3 brick houses in the Mint in Southwark fell down without giving any warning, whereby severall persons perished in the mines, except a man and his wife, which were abroad; 3 are already found, one of them a woman big with child, and they are digging for more, said to [be] 16 in all.

2 ships were yesterday launched of 52 and 54 guns at Deptford and Woolwich, called the Norwich and the Yarmouth.

Savoy lost in takeing St. Bridget Fort; 500 killed and wounded; the French 800 killed and 700 wounded.

Vienna, 10th; on the 5th of August they began to work on the lines of circumvallation betwixt the Save and the Danube; the garison consists of 7000 Janizaries and 1000 Spahis, well stored with provisions, as the French deserters say; the bassa has sent 2 expresses to the grand vizier for succour; the Turkish army is drawing together between Widin and Nicopolis: the 7th, divers boats, with ammunition and provisions, arrived at Samlin with 50 peices of cannon; the Turks attacked them with their fleet, but were forc'd to retire: 3 deputies are arrived here from the palank of Bankzowa in order to surrender that place, in which is 9 peices of cannon, and much provision and ammunition; we hope to be masters of Belgrade in 3 weeks.

Prince Lovis is recovered; and the dauphine is gone to Verseilles, having sent 20,000 men to Savoy and Flanders.

The governour of Heidleburgh has ordered the Capuchines to pay him 400 Lovis d'ors, or he will burn their convent.

August, 27th, from his majesties camp at Lembeck; the prince of Freezland being sick has left the camp; the French are at Nivelle, and have discharged their pioneers, with whom they intended to attack Charleroy; that duke of Savoy had taken St. Bridget, and was gone to beseige Pigneroll.

5000 horse, 3000 foot, are detached from Catalonia towards Savoy, and 5000 of the militia from Brittany.

The Morocco ambassador has acquainted the states that his master had rejected the proposalls of France.

From Brussells, that there is a sort of feavor in both armies,

but few dye; the French have sent 6000 within these tenn dayes to their garisons.

The duke of Barwick is sent back to Namur, and duke off Ormond expected for him.

A rich French prize, worth 100,000*l.*, from Martineco, was taken lately, and carryed into Ireland; but since coming home foundred on the way, and all was lost.

The king of Denmark has released the Dutch ships in the Sound.

The earle of Danby's steward of the Royall William is brought from the fleet in custody for corresponding with France.

Teusday, 29th Aug.—Friday's packet came in this morning.

Hague, August 31st; the reduction of St. Brigide is confirmed; in the taking of which the allies lost 1400 men; on the 15th they began to raise batteries against Pigneroll; but letters from Geneva say the duke of Savoy, after he had taken St. Brigide, held a councill of war, wherein 'twas resolved only to leave a blockade before Pigneroll, and march with the rest of the army to fight Catinat before he is reinforced.

The lord Dursley, our ambassador at the Hague, is indisposed.

The French threaten Charleroy still.

Hamburgh, 25th; 'tis expected in a day or two the Danes will begin to attack Ratsburgh, the commissioners who endeavour to compose the matter being seperated without being able to effect any thing; 4000 Danes have past the Elbe to seize Altenburgh, a dependent of Saxe Lawenburgh; and 9000 more, with 24 great cannon, and 14 mortars, have posted themselves on the sea coasts, where they are preparing their batteries; and on the other side the troops of Lunenburgh, 4000 Brandenburghers, and several thousand of Sweden, are marching to oppose them, having with them a great train of artilery.

From his majesties camp at St. Quenten Leneck, August 30; yesterday we decamped from Lembeck, and came hither, having sent our heavy baggage for Brussells; we had orders to march as this day for Ninove, which were after contradicted, and the heavy baggage sent for hither.

The French are come to Soignies, having destroyed the

forage about Nivelle: yesterday we took a cornet and 40 French troopers in a wood; 'tis said some of them have confest they lay there to intercept the king, who intended to passe that way: forage begins to be scarce, and the weather cold, soe 'tis beleived the campagne will quickly end, and his majestie very quickly leave the feild.

Wrote from the Rhine, that count Palfi, with 200 horse, beat one of the French advance guards in sight of their army, killing 40 of them.

Vienna, 19th; an expresse is come from the duke D'Croy that he had finished his lines of circumvallation and contravallation about Belgrade, and was beginning to raise severall batteries.

The Saldadoes frigat has brought into Falmouth a French privateer of 4 guns.

Orders are sent to the admiralls to lay up the 1st, 2d, and 3d rate men of warr, and to revictuall the smaller ships.

A person was this day seized for writing defamatory words of the earle of Nottingham.

Satturday queen dowagers servants salaries that were under 100*l.* per ann. were paid off.

There is near 130,000*l.* brought into the exchequer on the citty loan, and 736,820*l.* on the project.

The discourse of the princesses reconciling her selfe to the queen proves a mistake.

Yesterday's foreign mail is wanting.

Segedin letters say, generall Veterani is encamp'd near Cronstadt to observe the Turks; and baron Pollard is come with 3 regiments of regular troops and 900 of the militia to the Iron gate.

Franckfurt, August 26th; the prince of Baden is gone from Hailbron to the army at Southeim; the troops of Wolfembottle had desired leave of the prince to return to cover the country of Lunenburgh against the Danes, but he told them he could not grant their request.

The French have utterly ruined the dutchy of Wirtembergh, carrying away not only corn, &c., but the bells out of the churches.

Cologne, 28th August; 200 Switz are arrived here, going for Holland; and here daily arrive many French deserters.

The Newburgh troops continue in Eyffelt to bridle Montroyall.

The states of Bergue and Julien are assembled at Duseldo to raise a subsidy for the elector palatine.

The states of Holland have agreed that they conceive it requisite to have at sea the next year 70 men of war in the line of battle, and to augment their troops with 40,000 men.

Plymouth, 25th; there is come here 3 English and 4 Dutch men of war from Torbay, who with 2 more that are here ar bound for Bilboa and St. Sebastian to convoy a fleet of merchant ships.

The grand fleet are still at Torbay, but some leaky ships will sail for Spithead.

The Bonadventure is come to Torbay from Jamaica.

The duke of Ormonds equipage is arrived from Flanders.

The French kings illness is confirmed, as also that of the dutchesse of Portsmouth.

On Sunday the prince and princesse went into mourning for his sister the queen of Sweden, as our court will doe in a day or two.

Orders are sent to Harwich to put out the captain of the Advice packet boat for some misdemeanour.

Thursday, 31st August.—Teusday Mr. Thomas Browne, author of a paper called the Salamanca Wedding, which severely reflects on Dr. Oates marriage, was taken into custody for the same, but is since bailed.

Mr. D'allyon, the French minister, taken up for reflecting on the government in his sermon preacht at Dr. Thompsons church in Friday street, having been twice examined before Mr. secretary Trenchard, is committed to Newgate.

The duke of Ormonds troop of guards are come to town to doe duty at Whitehall in room of lord Oxfords regiment of horse, who are going to quarter in Northamptonshire, &c.

Yesterday the queen and whole court came to Whitehall to reside there till his majesties return.

Our merchants that trade in the Baltick sea are ordered to give an account what effects they have in those parts, which looks as if there would be a breach betwixt us and the Danes.

Dublin letters say, wheat is sold there for 2*s.* 3*d.* a bushell, beefe 1*d.*, and mutton 2*d.* a pound, and other provisions pro-

portionable; but here at St. Albans 'twas sold at 9*s.* a bushell, and 10*s.* at Brentford.

Thetford, who piloted in the French privateers 2 years since, that burnt the lord Widdringtons house, being brought on to his tryall for the same, pleaded guilty to the indictment, but execution is respited till her majesties pleasure is known.

The queens tarras walk at Whitehall, facing the Thames, is now finished, and curiously adorn'd with greens, which cost some 1000 of pounds, about 10,000*l.*

This day great number of seamen's wifes and widows came in a clamorous manner to Whitehall demanding their husbands arrears, being instigated by some telling them their money was postponed; but 4 of them being admitted into the councill chamber, her majestie advised them to retire peaceably, telling them they should have their money to a farthing without any postponing.

The inhabitants of Jamaica have sent hither an addresse of thanks to their majesties for continuing sir Wm. Beeston their governour, and it was this day presented to the queen.

Mr. Charles Blunt, who shott himselfe for Mrs. Hobby, dyed this morning.

This evening came in a foreign post; from duke of Savoys camp before Pigneroll they write, that the trenches were open'd the 20th instant, and the seige carried on with great vigour; that the forces that block up Cazall have orders to blow up St. Georges fort, and quitt the blockade, and join the army before Pignerol; and that it would be the 20th of September before the French succours could join Catinat, before which they hoped to take the place.

Ratsburgh continues still invested, tho' the Danes have not yet committed any act of hostility.

His majestie leaves the army next Teusday, so noe further action is expected in Flanders this campagne.

Poland; prince Constantine, the new hospodar of Walachia, is arrived at Jassi, and has orders from the grand seignior to beseige Zorock on the Neister: the diet meets in Poland in September.

The emperor had made vow on a peace with the Turks to build a stately hospitall for wounded and old officers and soldiers.

Rhine; the dauphine has detach'd 40 squadrons and 10 battallions of foot to Savoy; the French are going there into winter quarters.

The elector palatine is very ill.

The maimed soldiers in Chelsey colledge will be sent to the sea coasts to keep garison, to make room for those that are coming from Flanders.

Severall men of war are arrived in the Downs from the fleet.

New lodgings are building over the horse guards at Whitehall for Mr. Clerk, secretary at war.

The 3 printers taken lately going for France are ordered to be prosecuted next sessions.

Allen the messenger has seized severall treasonable papers in one Mr. Battens house at Dover.

Satturday, 2d September.—Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation declaring the parliament that are to meet the 19th of this month shall then be further prorogued to the 3d of October, and that publick notice shall be given when they shall meet and sitt to doe businesse.

Harlem Currant and private letters of Thursday night last say of affairs abroad:

Hamburgh letters, 1st September; on 31st past, at 6 in the morning, the Danes began to bombard Ratsburgh with 24 cannon and mortar; and that day fired the towne in many places, which destroyed the greatest part thereof; they attack it in 4 several places; the governour might have prevented the raising the 2 last batteries, but had orders not to begin the 1st act of hostility.

Paris, 30th; the letters from Lyons say, the duke of Savoy was marcht towards Feneshelles to fight Catinat, having left 15,000 men to carry on the seige of Pignerol under prince Eugene and duke of Schonbergh; 16 of our men of war lye in Lagos bay to watch all merchant ships that passe that way.

Vienna, August 22d; here are strict orders that noe horses be carried out of the empire, on advice the Jews of Metz have contracted with the French king for 30,000 horse: the seige of Belgrade is carried on, but nothing remarkable yet done, the fleet on the Danube being not yet come to block it up by sea.

From Holland, that the king is expected at Loo the 16th

instant (N. S.); and that most of the provinces have agreed to the additional forces and men of war.

On Thursday night great numbers of scandalous papers reflecting on the miscarriages of the Turky fleet, battle at Landen, &c. taxing the Gazet with false accounts, were thrown about the streets.

A merry andrew in Bartholomew fair is committed for telling the mobb news that our fleet was come into Torbay, being forced in by some French privateers, and other words reflecting on the conduct of great ministers of state.

'Tis said 17,000*l.* is already brought in on Mr. Neals project; a grant is past to him and John Isaack, esq. for the sole use of certain new invented screws of wire for seperating meal.

A charter is past to incorporate the lord Shandois, Mr. Neal, and Mr. Thomas Wharton, in working of mines, and refining of oare, &c.

A diver this day walkt from Foxhall to York buildings, under water, about ½ a mile, to the great satisfaction of duke of Leinster and others concerned in the diving patents.

Venice letters say the plague rages violently at Cyprus, Scio, Palestine, and Rhodes.

Said from Ratsburgh the beseiged fired furiously on the Danes, and have killed great numbers of them, so that 30 waggons, 'tis said, are gone away with the wounded; the whole empire are wholly incensed at this rupture committed by the Danes.

A Flushing privateer of 26 guns is come into Falmouth; he saw 3 French men of warr goe into Rochell 14 dayes since with a small Dutch man of war and 4 Hamburgh ships.

The Harwich post boy was set on by 5 horsemen, near Rumford, but there being a gentleman with him, he shot one of them dead, on which the other 4 fled.

The lord Berkley and lord Danby went ashore at Torbay; on[e] Rook took the lord Berkleys flag, and capt. Mitchell the lord Danby's.

Her majestie hath granted a pardon to sir Richard Mansell, who killed an apothecary in Grays Inn lane some time since.

Vienna, 22d August; the report of the commotions at Constantinople being higher than ever, so that the French ambassadour and some of the divan were forced to fly into a neigh-

bouring castle for safety: we hear from Belgrade that 8 batteries are raised against it, and have already made a breach in the walls; that they did not doubt to be ready for a generall assault by the 25th at farthest.

2000 horses are ordered to be bought forthwith in the north for his majesties service.

The Mary yatch is ordered for Holland to bring his majestie over.

A whale of 22 foot long is cast a shore at Mousehold in Cornwall.

The dutchesse dowager of Norfolk is lately dead.

Teusday, 5th September.—Plymouth, 1st, sailed hence the Mary, Deptford, and Crown, with 5 Dutch men of warr, for Bilboa, to bring home the merchant ships there and at Sebastian.

Our merchants have letters from Surat, dated 9th Feb., 92, which say, 7 French ships arrived there the 26th of October, from whence they sailed to the coast of Cormondell; and that 10 Dutch ships and 2 fireships are gone after them.

They have also advice that the Modena, thought to be lost, worth 150,000*l.*, is arrived safe at the Cape of Good Hope.

Severall merchants concerned in the eastland trade are withdrawing the effects from the Baltick sea, expecting a rupture if the king of Denmark proceeds to goe further then Stratsburgh.

The Dutch are preparing to send a convoy with some English men of warr to the Sound to oblidge the king of Denmark to withdraw his troops out of Lower Germany.

The queen having notice of the death of the queen of Sweden, our court in a day or two will goe into mourning.

Yesterday the earle of Nottingham went into the country to look after an estate, and will return in 14 dayes.

The Scotch parliament is prorogued till January.

To morrow the sessions begin at the Old Baily, where the 3 printers, Newbolt, Butler, and Farr, lately taken going for France, will be tryed for high treason; mounsieur Dallyon with some other state prisoners will be tryed.

One Brown, a printer, is taken into custody, supposed to be the printer of Anderson dying speech, in which are severall treasonable passages.

One Pickering, a highwayman, in Newgate, is accused by one of his associates to be he that killed Mr. Chambers the goldsmith on Essex road some time since.

Inhabitants of Gravesend have obtained a grant for 2 markets weekly, and a fair once a year at St. George's day, so for 5 dayes.

The Jacobites have for these 3 dayes past reported there has been another fight in Flanders, in which the confederates are beaten, but no expresse nor foreign post come in, soe not credited.

Brussells, 3d September; a party of the garison of Leige fell in with a French party, whom they defeated, and took some horses, and burnt above 20 waggons going with hay and oates to the French army: the prince of Chima is arrived here from Madrid.

Hague, 5th September; the states generall have ordered 24 merchant ships, with a good convoy, to sail to the Baltick to bring away our merchant effects from Denmark.

The elector of Bavaria has intercepted a packet from the king of Denmark to the French king, discovering all the designs of the former against the house of Lunenburgh.

Plymouth; on 30th came into this port from Torbay the Monmouth, York, and Sheernesse gally, bound for Ireland; and the same day came in from cruizing the Rochester, Lyon, Adventure, Woolwich, and Greenwich, who with others are to compose the winter guard.

Some officers of the fleet at Portsmouth drank king James health.

Preparations are making at Chattham for the mooring of the ships.

The states of Amsterdam have agreed to raise one million and halfe; one moyety to be employed in the present war, the other to be laid up to an emergent occasion.

The wellboats are ordered to be fitted up again imediately.

There is a book printed in Holland, in French, of the lives of the princes of Orange, which is translated into English by Mr. Thomas Brown; the same was burnt there by the hands of the common hangman; and the states have offered 5000 crowns to discover the printer.

Yesterday money was issued out of the exchequer to pay the forces, and to pay the yards.

The prince of Haynault is dead.

A bill of high treason was found yesterday at Hicks hall against the 3 printers.

The kings yatchs are sailed for Holland to bring over his majestie, who leaves the camp as this day.

The French king is resolved to raise the 12th penny on all lands and houses to carry on the war.

Luxemburgh has orders to fight the confederates.

Thursday, 7th September.—Edinburgh, 31st past; 3 proclamations are published here; viz. for proroguing the parliament to the 13th of January next; prohibiting all persons in publick imployments to depart the kingdome without leave from their majesties or privy councill; and the 3d, to banish all beggars to the places of their nativity.

Two French privateers came and unladed their cargo at the Basse, and at their going off fired all their guns, as did those of the island, and hung out their flaggs, but not known on what account.

2 persons coming from the Basse in a long boat were seized, and committed to the Tolbooth.

A ship of 300 tunns, belonging to the Frith, laden with coales, accidentally took fire, and burnt to the water.

Plymouth, 3d September; Satturday sailed hence the Rochester, Greenwich, James gally, and Swift, having their station appointed off Cape Clear, to preserve the merchant ships from privateers.

Yesterday one Mr. Pavey, father and son belonging to the playhouse, being together at Temple tavern in Fleetstreet, the father reprimanding the son for some extravagancies, but he not being able to bear the same, threw himselfe on his sword, and fell down dead.

Yesterday the grand jury of London found a bill against Mr. Thomas Brown for writing the Salamanca Wedding against Dr. Oates.

Mrs. Wilkinson taken in Marsham street, Westminster, is condemned for clipping, and Mrs. Barker acquitted.

Mr. Roger Pompesson, having begg'd the duke of Boltons

pardon for assaulting him in his graces house, is admitted to bail, and 'tis beleived the matter will be compremitted.

Last night a great cabinet councill, and the Turky merchants ordered to attend as this day, which they did, and complained of some of their members, who with other merchants have of late bought in silk from Holland contrary to act of parliament; against the importation of foreign thrown silk, which the French bring from Turky to Leghorn, and soe over land to Holland, and thence above 80 bails have been landed in England.

The East India company have put in their answers to the petitions against them, and the matter is to be heard this day seavenight.

A complaint is made by the town of Newcastle against the governour of Tinmouth castle for exacting 3*s.* 6*d.* on foreign ships that come to lade coales, which obliges them to run into creeks, and so often they shift paying their customes; ordered noe such should be paid for the future.

A proclamation is going to the presse to signifie that the marines of the 1st, 2d, and 3d rate ships shall stay on board all winter, and be paid off before they goe to sea next spring.

No foreign news; to morrow we want 3 mails.

Justices of peace of Middlesex have ordered the constables to take an account in their severall precincts of all disaffected persons to the government to tender them the oathes.

Come in upon the fund 704,979*l.*

Cowes, 4th; a Flushing privateer has brought in here 2 French prizes, one laden with salt, the other with rosin.

This day the lord of Oxfords regiment went off, and colonell Billingsley, with 2d troop of guards, came to doe duty at Whitehall.

The duke of Glocester is indisposed.

Mounsieur Dallyon, the French parson, was arraigned on an indictment of high treason, and will be tryed to morrow or on Satterday.

Satturday, 9th September.—This day the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where Newbolt and Butler, the 2 printers, going for France, were convicted of high treason before Dolben

for printing king James declaration; John Herbert and Wm. Pucthes were fined 20*l.* each, and security for their good behaviour for a year for assaulting one of the witnesses that swore against the said printers: old Dobbery, a Jersey parson, was tryed for misdemeanours, and acquitted: an indictment was also preferred against Abraham Ansel, secretary of the fleet, for endeavouring to perswade Mr. Praed and others to list men for king James, but the grand jury found it ignoramus: an indictment of high treason was found against Mr. Dallyon, a French parson, and he will be tryed thereon the next sessions: 2 indictments were found against Dyer the news writer, and he traversed the same against next sessions. In all 17 persons received sentence of death, 6 of them clippers; the other printers tryall, and the midwife's for murdering severall infants, is put off till next sessions.

Admirall Aylmer will command our winter squadron; and the lord Berkley convoy over his majestie.

A great number of oxen are killed at the kings slaughter house to revictuall a considerable squadron, which 'tis beleived are to convoy our Turky fleet to the Levant.

Our merchants yesterday had news that 3 of their great Greenland ships are arrived on our coast, and brought with them 3 French prizes.

The James gally has brought in a small French privateer into Plymouth of 6 guns, and 6 patereroes..

This day 3 foreign mails, the last, of the 15th, sayes, Luxemburgh had blockt up all the avenues leading to Charleroy, and invested it on Sunday last, and was opening his trenches before it; the governor has destroyed all forage for 4 miles round that the town could not contain; on which his majestie has deferr'd his journey to Loo, and is moving with the army to endeavour to raise the seige, having sent for 20 battalions from Leige and Maestricht to reinforce him; Boufflers is come post to Namur, and is to carry on the seige, and Luxemburgh covers it.

Vienna, the 2d; the seige of Belgrade goes successfully on, our bombs have fired the town in severall places, and a battery of 32 great cannon began to play against it the 26th; the last advices say, the grand vizier was resolved to attempt releiving the place.

Duke of Savoy is very near Catinat, but will scarce be able to fight him, by reason of the streights and passes.

The king has given the lord Fitzhardings regiment of dragoons (who is now in England) to the earle of Essex.

The French on the Rhine, having blown up the fort and convent of Heidleburgh, are dispersed.

Capt. Hobson, commander of the squadron going for Denmark, we are told, is made admirall of the blew.

Sir Francis Wheeler is daily expected with his squadron from the West Indies.

Mr. John Child, with Mary his wife, and Ann Davis, are found guilty of clipping; and Mrs. Wilkinson too; she offers 400*l.* for a pardon: and Mrs. Jones the clipper is to lye in prison till she produce her husband.

A train of artillery of 20 peices, most new cast, are this week to be brought into St. James park from the Tower to be ready on all occasions.

1000 oxen are to be killed this week, besides hoggs, for the winter squadron.

An officer in the marine regiment is taken up dispersing of some libells.

Earle of Lincoln died last Monday, and is succeeded by capt. Clinton in his honour and estate.

One of our Greenland ships has 10 or 12 whales on board.

2 ships are arrived from New York, laden with oyles and furrs: and they say a brigantine from Martineco has informed them that our men have destroyed the said island, and blockt up the fort, and hope next summer to be master of that and Canada.

Sir William Dutton Colt, their majesties envoy at the court of Lunenburgh, is dead.

Boufflers, with the 12,000 men that came from the Rhine, invested Charleroy on Sunday last, and Luxemburgh with his army covers it. Our king, having an army of 70,000 men, is resolved to fight Luxemburgh to raise the seige.

That the doge of Venice has beseiged Negropont.

A cessation of armes by the Danes before Ratsburgh.

Teusday, 12th September.—Severall pyrate prisoners being in the marshalsea, &c. having commissions from king James, a commission of oyer and terminer was intended some time since

to sit for their tryall, and in order to it the lords of the admiralty required the opinions of severall civilians thereon; Dr. Pinfold, their majesties advocate, Dr. Oldish, advocate for the admiralty, and another, gave their opinions under their hands, that for acting with those commissions they could not be tryed as pyrates; Dr. Waller, Dr. Newton, and one more, refused to give any opinion; Dr. Littleton and Dr. Tindall gave their opinions to the contrary; Oldish and Pinfold being required to give the reason for their opinions at a cabinet councell, declared, that king James, being dispossest of the throne, and having his sword in his hand for recovery of it, those that acted under his commission could not be pyrates: on which they are displaced, and Dr. Littleton made advocate of the admiralty; and a new commission is passing for the tryall of the pyrates.

Sir Francis Clinton, newly come to the title of earle of Lincoln, died last week, the title coming to his son about 7 years of age.

On Sunday Mr. Percivall, belonging to the playhouse, and yesterday some others, were committed to Newgate for clipping; tho' 6 were condemned for it this sessions, and 5 women who formerly pleaded their bellies, are ordered to be executed.

Mr. Cresset, a Shropshire gentleman, will goe envoy to the elector of Saxony in room of sir William Dutton Colt, deceased.

20 new brasse feild peices were this day brought from the Tower to St. James park.

Mr. Stepney, our envoy at Vienna, is ordered from thence to negotiate businesse of consequence with some of the princes of the empire.

This morning a great councill at Whitehall relating to the fleet; and in the evening was a cabinet councill.

There is now paid in on the fund act 786,300*l.*

Lord Berkley is gone down the river to command the squadron that is to convoy over his majestie, but he will not sail till we hear from Charleroy.

The king, if possible, will raise the seige of Charleroy, being with the Leige and Maestricht forces 70,000 strong.

Yesterdays foreign mail is wanting, but a gentleman who arrived here last night brought the Brussells Gazet with him,

which sayes, the duke of Savoy has beat Catinat, and appearing before Susa it surrendred, but it will need a confirmation; it gives no account of the seige of Charleroy.

A vessell arrived at Leghorn from Tunis sayes, they have declared warr against the Algerines, and have drawn into the field 120,000 men; and the Algerines are marching towards them with 130,000 men.

The states of Juliers have voted an extraordinary subsidy to the elector Palatine.

Paris, September 11; severall vessells are arrived on the coast from Algiers with corn, part of which will be sent to mounsieur Catinat; that king intends to make particular proposalls of peace to each confederate prince.

Amsterdam, 5th September; we have advice that the Tripolines have declared warr against England and Holland, and have sent the English aud Dutch consuls to Malta.

The grand vizier has given the English and Dutch ambassadors permission to follow him into the feild.

The king has made lord Sidney 1st lieutenant generall of the English forces in Flanders.

The maid who belonged to the bloody midwife is taken and committed.

3 Dutchmen and women were taken at Putney, and committed for clipping.

Circular letters are sent to the deputie lieutenants and justices of peace to certifie the names of all disaffected persons.

3 French men of warr, under the command of mounsieur Valette, going to join Mr. Tourville off Marseilles, were cast away.

The king of Denmark has sent his heavy cannon from before Ratsburgh to Glackstade, soe concluded an accommodation is made.

The duke of Savoy has drove Catinat with great slaughter from Feneshelles, and afterwards rendred himselfe master of Susa.

The governour of Charleroy in a sally killed 1000 French, and overturned a great part of their works; and the king is upon his march to releive the place.

Thursday, 14th September.—Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation for continuing the seamen belonging to

the 1st, 2d, and 3d rate ships in their service during this winter, and for payment of their wages to Michaelmas 1693 before the fleet shall goe to sea next summer.

The dead warrant is come downe to Newgate for 11 malefactors to morrow, among them Newbolt and Butler, the 2 printers, tho' great applications are made for a reprieve for the former; Mrs. Wilkinson the clipper is repreived, on making a discovery of severall persons concerned in the clipping trade; Mrs. Compton, the murthering midwife, since taking her maid, who will evidence against her, has taken a dose of poyson, but she is not yet dead.

King having granted a commission to inspect what money has been applied to superstitious uses, 3 gentlemen, formerly Roman catholics, and intrusted with the secret, have discovered 2000*l.* per ann. land on the north of England.

Coll. Clud, of our 1st regiment of foot guards, and justice of peace of Middlesex, being very ill in Flanders, sent for a priest, and had the extream unction, and died a Roman catholick.

The earle of Essex has made one Loy lieutenant coll. of his regiment of dragoons, and not coll. Spicer.

Thetford, who pilotted in the French privateers, has been executed at Newcastle.

We have 18 5th rate men of war on the stocks, which will be finished in 2 months, designed for convoys, and to secure our coasts against French privateers.

13 granadeers out of every regiment in England are ordered down to Portsmouth to goe on board the bombing vessels, which are getting ready; and 'tis beleived to be design'd against Denmark, if that king complies not with the proposalls of the ministers of the allies.

This day a great councill at Whitehall, where the East India company and the interlopers were called in, and the lord keeper signified that that day 7night they should have a full hearing, and a determination of their affair, after the Turky company; silkweavers, throwsters, and stocking weavers, were called in, and, pursuant to the queens directions, (on complaint of the weavers for want of silk to work,) the company gave an account what quantity of silk there was in towne in their's and the Italian merchants hands, viz. 2050 bails, sufficient to carry on the trade for a year; to which the weavers answered, it

was so dear that they could not work it, without being loosers, so beg'd liberty of fetching it from Holland: after a long argument on both sides, the councill ordered the silk that was seized to be sold by inch of candle, but no more to be brought that way.

A foreign post is wanting.

The Spanish packet boat brings a letter, that sayes a great mortality is among the French fleet; that the Shandois, Asia, and loyalty are weighed up.

Wrote from Edinburgh, that capt. Grantham and capt. Dunbar are gone to France; that one Middleton governs in the Basse island; that the councill there have ordered proclamation to discharge the monthly fast; and have ordered a letter to his majestie to know how he will have the Highland clans secured in peace, whether by imprisoning the cheife, or letting them have liberty upon bail.

Dartmouth, 10th; a Dutch caper has brought in here a vessell to France with pitch, tar, cordage, &c.

Cowes, the 9th; a Flushing privateer of 15 guns was brought in here by a warrant from the admiralty for damage done to Mr. Cook, a merchant of Exeter.

Come in on the fund act 724,254*l.* this day, and about 4 or 5000*l.* now comes in a dayes.

Satterday, 16th September.—This morning came in 2 foreign posts, the last of the 22d; the most material is, that the king, on advice of the seige of Charleroy, held a councill of war, where 'twas judged impracticable to releive it, the enemy having strongly guarded all the avenues leading thereby, and Luxemburgh covered it with an army superior to ours, especially horse and dragoons; wherefore resolved to send a detachment of 30,000 men towards Courtray under the elector of Bavaria, with all the Spanish horse, and English and Scotch foot; but the enemy having timely notice of it sent 5000 men, who threw themselves into those places we aimed at; the country being in many places under water, the said detachment is countermanded, and return'd to our camp at Ninove.

The French open'd their trenches before Charleroy the 17th, and batter it with 100 cannon and 40 mortars; the beseiged make a good defence, and in one sally killed 500 men, but 'tis feared will be taken.

His majestie will soon leave the camp, there being little more to be done this campagne.

Letters don't confirm Savoys routing Catinat, but that he was return'd to carry on the seige of Pigneroll.

The duke de Croy carries on the seige of Belgrade with successe, and had taken the lower towne of Belgrade, and was come within 10 paces of the counterscarp, and is preparing to give a generall assault; that the vizier was advancing with his army to its releife, having detached 8000 before to throw themselves into the place.

The difference between king of Denmark and Ratsburgh is not yet composed, but the cessation of arms prolonged.

On Thursday a duell was fought by sir Wm. Reresby of Yorkshire and Mr. Moyers in Hide park, and both dangerously wounded.

The earle of Nottingham is come to towne.

The execution of the prisoners is put off till Wednesday.

This day the queen went for Windsor, and dined at the lord Godolphins.

Portsmouth, 14th; the admiralls are still on board the Britannia at St. Hellens, where all the English men of war continue.

The 4 regiments that were on board the fleet this summer are come on shore, having lost very few of their men by sicknesse, not 150 men.

Weymouth, 13th; yesterday came in the Delphin privateer, with a French ketch; the captain sayes, 2 Guernsey ships had carried into that place 3 French prizes.

On Thursday last about 20 highwaymen robbed 6 coaches and some waggons on Finchly common, and were rude to the passengers, &c.

One Mr. Galliot, a young gentleman, was drowned going to Greenwich.

150,000*l.* is brought in on the citty loan; and 5000*l.* was brought in yesterday on the fund act.

4000*l.* per ann. more is found out granted to superstitious uses.

Dr. Oates wife yesterday kist the queens hand.

100 stout soldiers are detached out of severall regiments, and ordered to goe on board the winter squadron.

300 Turks have made an incursion as far as Semlyn, but were repulsed, with 40 killed, and as many taken prisoners; that the hussars had defeated a Turkish party near Vipalanca; that on advice of the viziers march the duke de Croy had sent 2 couriers; one to generall Veterani, to send severall 1000 men to join their army; another to coll. Kiba, to post himselfe at Mirovitz, to prevent the Turks passing the Save; that orders were given to the severall regiments to provide 14 dayes provisions and forage, with a resolution to goe and fight the vizier; and that they are preparing to give a general assault.

Teusday, 19th September.—Portsmouth, 16th; this day the lord Cutts, governour of the Isle of Weight, dined on board the Admiralls, who are preparing to goe for London, the great ships being ordered about to Chattham; 20 men of war will continue here with the well boats, and other small vessells, that are ready to put to sea, but on what design not known: some say they are to goe and destroy the works the French are making at Le Hogue for making a harbour there, and that 3 French refugee regiments are to be employed therein; others, that they are designed against Denmark, if an accommodation be not made.

Earle of Sunderland is come to towne with his family, and has taken a great house in St. James's square, and last night appeared at court.

This day the parliament mett, and were prorogued by commission to 3d October next; a proclamation will be speedily out when they shall sitt, some time the latter end of next month, about 19th of October.

Severall ships are arrived at Falmouth from Barbadoes, who say they came out with 30 sail more, but separated in bad weather; that 17, under the convoy of the Diamond frigat, are gone for Kingsale; Barbadoes still continues unhealthy.

Coll. Eden of the foot guards is dead; and sir Charles Haro of the same regiment lies dangerously ill in Flanders.

Thetford the pilott, said to be executed at Newcastle, proves a mistake.

A great contest has been at Bristoll about chusing a mayor, and the whiggs have carried it for Mr. Yates.

Seditious libells being disperst at the Bath while lord Caermarthen was there, he has complained thereof to the councill;

the Jacobites being so bold as to sing seditious songs under his window, which they called serenading the marquesse.

A foreign mail wanting.

The last letters brought, that lord Paget was arrived at Constantinople, but no final answer would be given to his proposalls of peace till the campagne was over.

From Paris, the king has named 13 lieutenant generalls for his army in room of those killed the last battle at Landen; that 16 of his men of war are to cruize in the Mediterranean, 6 on the coast of Spain, and 5 on Ireland.

Count Egment, generall of the Spanish horse, is dead in Flanders.

Garison of Camineeck had a design to surprise Trinity fort, and attempted it, but were repulsed with great losse.

The cham of Tartary was gone home disgusted, being prevented in his design on Transilvania.

The doge of Venice will beseige Negropont.

Turky merchants are preparing a petition to the parliament against the importation of silk from Holland.

Great alterations are making among the civilians in doctors commons.

William Purlet, run away with a great summ of money from Mr. Isaack Barnet, is brought from Holland.

Edingburgh, 13; the lord Belmore is confined to his house under severe penalties for firing on the earle of Leven.

This day 3 prisoners made their escape out of the Tolbooth.

Yesterday 6 cart load of sick soldiers were brought to the Tower from Flanders.

The French have lost 20,000 horse this summer.

Our king is treating with the king of Sweden for some troops against next campagne.

The sessions began at the Old Baily the 6th, and held 7th, 8th, and 9th of this month, where severall criminalls were tryed; 29 were burnt in the hand, 3 ordered into their majesties service, 3 were fined, 3 ordered to be whipt, and 15 received sentence of death; of which 5 were for clipping, and 2 printers for high treason in printing king James's declarations; and 10 women formerly convicted for clipping, burglary, &c. were ordered to be executed pursuant to their former judgments.

Thursday, 21st September.—Yesterday three persons were executed at Tyburn; a man and a woman for clipping, and another man for burglary: the 2 printers are repreived till Wednesday next, they having promised to make a discovery of the Jacobite design that shall merit their pardons.

Mr. Dallyon, the French minister, is writing a recantation of his sermon, by which he hopes to get off.

Deputy lieutenants and justices of peace in Lancashire have orders to have a watchfull eye over the disaffected there, information being come to court that they had severall meetings in order to mischeife; a great many spare arms are fitted up, and will be sent and lodged in the hands of persons well affected to the government in that county and other suspitious places.

Dr. Conquest, the physitian, is dead at the Bath.

Two men and severall women are brought to town, being taken on board an Ostender with letters about them going for France; one of them was the wife of one Holder, a joyner, lately discharged out of custody, being taken coming from France.

The Streights fleet, that came back with sir George Rooke, is come to St. Hellens under convoy of 5 men of war.

The Ann of London, belonging to sir Benjamin Newland, from Naples, is arrived at Weymouth, richly laden; on board her is the mate to the Narborough privateers, who sayes, that privateer reported to be lost is safely arrived in the Archipelago, where she sunk a rich French ship of 36 guns.

The commissioners of accounts sitt daily, and are on that part relating to the victualling the fleet, in order to which all the pursers are required to send an account what they received on board.

This day a great councill at Whitehall on the East India company's charter, whether it should passe; after long arguments it was ordered to passe, they first attending the attorney generall, and giving security to export yearly 150,000*l.* worth of English manufacture, with some other restrictions.

A great sale in the citty yesterday of East India goods brought in an interloper, which yielded a good market, coffee berries yeilding 15*l.* 10*s.* per hundred weight.

Orders are sent to Scotland for the generall assembly to

meet there the 6th of December to settle church affairs; and that the severall regiments ordered (2 of horse and 4 of dragoons) to be raised by the last parliament be forthwith levyed.

Two mails due to morrow, soe no foreign news.

Yesterday 7000*l.* came in on the fund act, soe there is in all about 747,000*l.*, and 167,000*l.* on the citty loan.

Satterday capt. Silver and all the gunners for the new expedition are ordered to goe on board the men of war.

Edinburgh, 14th; 40 Dutch Russia ships are come in here.

Mr. Masters of Bridewell is dead at the Bath.

All the great men of warr are ordered to be laid up at Chattham; the admiralls are going for London; 20 men of war are at Portsmouth on some designe.

Satturday, 23d September.—Wednesday last a new 4th rate of 60 guns was launched at Sheernesse called the Medway.

Thursday a vessell called the Sea Flower, designed for a privateer, carrying 18 guns, and 10 patereroes, capt. Phillips comander, was launched over against Whitehall; and there are 14 other privateers fitting out in the river of Thames.

Falmouth, 18th; yesterday the James galley, Winchester, and Swift, arrived from the west, and found an expresse from the lords of the admiralty to sail for Denmark, but first to convoy the Barbadoes ships in that port to the Downes.

Kings councill are drawing up a prosecution against Dr. Gower in the Kings and the fellows in St. John's colledge who continued in their fellowships without taking the oathes.

The queen has granted the lady Preston 600*l.* per ann. of her husbands forfeited estate for her and her family to live on.

The queen went this morning to Kensington to order the house to be prepared for the king, who is lookt for beginning of next month.

On Thursday a silver smith and his wife were committed to Newgate for clipping; and within this 5 dayes 7 or 8 more have been sent thither on same account; soe beleived the repreived persons have discovered their accomplices.

The East India company are to be put in the same state by their new charter they were before; and they are to subscribe to such regulations as their majesties shall direct by Lady Day next.

Capt. Silver, master gunner, and engineer Phillips, goe

downe to Portsmouth next week to goe on board the squadron there design'd on some expedition.

Earle of Danby is come to town indisposed from the fleet.

Yesterday 50,000*l.* was paid out of the exchequer to the ordnance office.

The Greenland ships with their prizes are come into the river, and have made a good voyage.

Next week the dukes of Brandenburgh, Zell, and Saxony will be installed of the garter at Windsor by proxy.

A quarrell at Portsmouth between capt. Lidstone of the Northumberland and another sea officer, and thereon a duell, in which the former was killed.

Noe news from abroad; 2 mails wanting, winds being contrary.

12,000*l.* was yesterday brought in on the million act; and 9000 this day; totall 769,000*l.*

Newbolt the printer has accused severall who were concerned in printing and dispersing the declarations.

Yesterday severall waggons were sent to Portsmouth with baggage ammunition to goe on board the squadron there.

5 clippers were taken on Thursday in Shoelane, and sent to Newgate; and another woman in Duke street, Westminster.

Sheriffs of the counties have issued out warrants to their officers and bailiffs to take the names of all freeholders and copyholders throughout England.

A Scotch officer is come to towne who left Bruges on Teusday; he sayes, Charleroy holds out still; that the French had lost 4000 men before it.

A draught is made out of the severall regiments in England to goe on board the expedition.

This morning a rainbow seen in the firmament with 2 ends standing up.

New lodgings are building at Whitehall for the wardrobe; and others at horse guards for the lord Ranelagh.

This evening the men of war and the bomb vessels sett to sail.

Teusday, 26th September.—The Falmouth Expedition packet boat is arrived there from the Groyne, but brings no news in her passage thither; she retook a Dutch ship; and coming home took a French Newfoundland ship.

An Ostend privateer has brought into Dartmouth a French prize, laden with wine and brandy; and a Dutch caper has carried into Kingsale a French ship, laden with wine and salt, bound to St. Maloes.

Deal, 24th; yesterday came into the Downes the grand fleet, consisting of 8 1st and 2d rates, and 14 3d rates, besides fireships, tenders, and hospitall ships, and are sail'd for Chatham, the lesser ships still remaining at Spithead.

Yesterday came in an Irish packet; brings nothing materiall, but that the West India ships are arrived safe at Kingsale.

Friday night severall rogues gott into the house of Dr. Ridgley in Southampton square, pretending to carry him to a patient, but being unwilling to goe they bound him, and wounded him and his servants, and carryed off 600*l.* in plate, money, &c.

The same night an upholsters house in Cornhill, over against the Exchange, was broke open, and about 300*l.* worth of plate carryed off; and on Sunday, about 3 in the morning, the house of Mr. Vanderbendy in the Pall Mall was attempted to be robb'd; one of the villains got in at the window 1 pair of stairs, and a servant within shot a blunderbus at him, which beat him into the street, and suppos'd kill'd him, but his companions carryed him off, tho' track'd by the blood as far as Leicester Feilds.

Yesterday a court martial at the horse guards, where severall soldiers of coll. Tiffanys regiment accused their officers of false musters, but not being able to make it out to the courts satisfaction, the officers were cleared, and the soldiers ordered to run the gauntlet.

The Hamburgh fleet have obtained a convoy for that place.

I am credibly informed the Swedish envoy has instructions to presse from (*sic*) a generall peace, and in order thereto France will allow king Williams title.

Three foreign mails are wanting, the winds being contrary; the Jacobites say, Charleroy was taken the 21st, tho' noe account is come thereof, nor has any bonefires or great guns been heard or seen at Calais, soe it is not beleived.

Thursday, 28th September.—Monday night last sir Wm. Basset, member of parliament for Bath, died; as also yester-

day morning did the lord Lovelace, capt. of the band of pensioners, and cheife justice in eyre of their majesties parks and forests on this side Trent.

His majestie is expected in few dayes, the squadron being gone for him.

Severall Jacobites being got together at dinner at Exeter, they drunk healths very freely, the kings, the queens, to their return; and at last one of them, an alderman of the town, began one, To Limp, which went round: one desiring it to be explained, they said it was Lewis, James, Mary, and Prince of Wales; of which the government having notice, a regiment is ordered to quarter there to have an eye on them.

The printers in Newgate are further repreived till Wednesday next.

Severall Cornish men the beginning of this week petitioned her majesty that they, having an antient right to the East India trade, might be included in the new charter, and are referr'd to Mr. attorney for his opinion therein.

Our merchants are in pain for the Diamond frigat and 6 Barbadoes ships which were seperated from the others on the Irish coast, where the French are very troublesome.

Edinburgh; an indictment of high treason is delivered to the earle of Seaforth to prepare for his tryall the 2d of November.

The postmaster of Dover has signified in a letter to Whitehall, that a Flushing privateer landed there 2 gentlemen, who left Ghent this day 7night, who say Charleroy makes a good defence.

Great crowds of people this day paying in money on the fund act.

This day the councill had the affair of the East India company under consideration, and the restrictions in their charter, which are agreed, and their charter ordered to passe.

A proclamation was ordered to be drawn up to prorogue the parliament from 3d of October to the 26th ditto, when they shall sitt.

To morrow is Michaelmas day, when is to be an election of a lord mayor; the tories put up sir Jonathan Raymond and sir Thomas Cook; the whiggs, sir William Ashurst and sir John Houblon.

To morrow 4 forreign mails will be due.

A squadron is gone to Hamburgh to convoy a fleet of merchants ships there.

Major generall Maxwell is dead at St. Germains.

The citty of Bath are in the displeasure of the court.

45 English and Dutch men of war will be sent between this and Christmas into the Mediterranean to convoy the Turky fleet, and after to join the Spanish fleet, to favour the duke of Savoys enterprizes.

Last mail going to Harwich was sett upon, and some letters of moment taken away.

The proclamation for sitting of the parliament is stopt till the post comes from Holland.

Colonel Hamiltons regiment is quartered at Salisbury.

Yesterday came in on the million act 31,000*l.*, 5000*l.* whereof was on the lord Willoughby of Eresby's life; Mr. Clark, the kings councill, paid in 2500*l.* on his own life.

Satturday, 30th September.—Yesterday came out their majesties proclamation for the further proroguation of the parliament from 3d October next to the 26th ditto; requiring the attendance of the members of both houses then, declaring they shall sitt for dispatch of businesse.

Thursday the councill rejected the petition of the interlopers, who desired to send 5 ships this season to India; as also the petition of the Cornish gentlemen, who desired to be included in the East India company's charter, which charter the queen signed after the company had given security to the attorney generall to transport this next year 70,000*l.* in woollen manufactures, and 80,000*l.* in other English comodities.

Last night the books were closed at 12 at night on the million act; the summ brought in is 881,493*l.* 14*s.* 2*d.*, of which 10,500*l.* is upon survivorship, and the rest on the annuity.

The committee for enquiring into the miscarriage of the Turky fleet sat the last time on Thursday, having taken severall depositions, and other matters relating thereto, which will be reported to the councill, and after, the whole will be laid before the parliament for their further examination.

Yesterday was the election of a lord mayor of London for the ensuing year; the candidates were, sir Jonathan Raymond and sir Thomas Cook on one side, and sir William Ashurst and

sir John Houblon on the other; the majority of hands was [for] the 2 latter, but a poll being demanded, and granted, it ended this day at 11: when the books were cast up, sir William Ashurst had 1927 votes, and Houblon 1914; Raymond 1008, and Cook 958: the election will be declared on Monday, and the 2 former declared to the court of aldermen, who tis supposed will make choise of Ashurst, being the senior alderman.

Yesterday's letters from Bristoll say, the Diamond frigat, feared to be taken by the French, is arrived safe there, with 8 Barbadoes merchant ships, and 'tis hoped the rest of the fleet are safe.

Plymouth, 26th; the weather has been soe stormy here that the passage boat crossing to Saltash was cast away, and 3 men and horses were drowned.

The 3 admiralls, with 40 men of warr, are at Portsmouth.

The officers of the ordnance have contracted with the gunsmiths here for 30,000 small arms, which are to be brought into the Tower by March next.

A Genoa ship arrived in the Downs sayes the duke of Savoy has taken Pignerol, but little credited.

4 mails wanting; the winds very contrary.

Teusday, 3d October.—The arrivall of the Diamond frigat and 8 Barbadoes ships at Bristoll proves a mistake, for letters from Kingsale of 28th past say that they had advice there that the said frigat and 3 Barbadoes ships were fallen into the enemies hands; and the letters from Pembroke say, that the Friends Adventure of 22 guns, capt. Earle, comander from Barbadoes, came in there the 24th ult., and sayes, the Thursday before, 12 leagues westward of Cape Clear, 2 French privateers fell in with the Diamond frigat, and ships under her convoy, and in lesse then an hour took the frigat and a fireship in her company; on board the former were 4 chests of gold dust belonging to the African company.

Plymouth letters say, the Rochester came in there from cruising, and saw in the soundings some French men of war, with 7 English ships with them, part of the Barbadoes fleet.

The Germoon spy boat from Bell Isle, where she took a fisher boat, the men thereof say, Tourville was returned with the grand fleet to Brest, but the men not suffered to goe on shore, least they should infect the place.

The masters of post office having represented to the lords of the admiralty that the packet boats between England and Holland were not of sufficient force to resist the French privateers, they have ordered ships of better force to carry packetts between England and Holland.

Last week 3 clippers were taken in the very act in a wood near Dunmore in Essex, being discovered by a boy a nutting, and committed to Chelmsford, as alsoe the grazier who supplyed them with broad money.

Yesterday sir Wm. Ashurst and sir John Houblon were presented to the court of aldermen, who chose sir William to be lord mayor for the year ensuing; after which he made a speech, telling them his heart and house should be open to take their advice, and redresse any of their greivances, without respect of party, &c.

The Benjamin of London, capt. Brown commander, from the East Indies, is arrived at Kingsale, richly laden.

Severall merchant ships are taken up to be converted into men of warr for his majesties service.

Orders are sent to some regiments of horse quartered in Essex and Kent to send out parties to lye on the roads ready to attend his majesties landing.

Sunday the 3 admiralls came to towne to wait on her majestie, but have not yet been admitted to kisse her hand; but on the contrary a cabinett councill was summoned this day where they were to attend, and give an account of the summers expedition; and sir George Rook, by expresse, was sent for to be present, but not being come soon enough they were not called in.

We want 5 mails from Holland.

Engineer Phillips, with the train lately sent from the Tower, are still in the Downs, the winds being contrary; he has with him 30,000 bombs and carcasses; he commands as colonell, and capt. Silver as lieutenant coll.

Said lord Dorset is to marry the lord Allingtons daughter.

Coll. Culpepper is taken into custody, but not without resistance; his crime not knowne.

Lord Mohun lyes very ill at Bath.

Court of aldermen were divided; 12 for Houblon, and 13 for Ashurst; so the last chosen.

The ship Robert is come in from Antego, and sayes the sicknesse rages much there.

A regiment of foot is ordered to quarter in Norwich to keep the disaffected in order.

The Norwich frigat, with 9 bombs ships and tenders, laden with powder and shot, is come in.

Totall on the citty loan is 220,000*l.*

A highwayman taken last Satterday, near Kensington, and committed to Newgate.

3 last week robb'd the Portsmouth coaches, and severall on horseback between Guildford and Ripley.

Thursday, 5th October.—Yesterday 4 foreign mails came in, and this morning a 5th, being all that were due.

Brussells, October 9th; Charleroy continues to make a good defence; the French have only taken two ravelins as yet; and they are much incommoded by the great rains; the officers are forced to drive their men to the trenches, they being much afraid of the mines: this day the enemies intend to give a generall assault to the place; in the mean time the governour is repairing the breaches, and is casting up trenches behind the bastions; and sent a messenger to the duke of Bavaria that the garison can hold out some dayes longer: our army will decamp in a day or two, and goe into winter quarters. Boufflers, with his army, is within 7 miles of Leige.

As soon as the French are gone into winter quarters, the elector of Bavaria will goe and confer with the emperor.

Hamburgh, 19th; the house of Lunenburgh has consented to the demolished the fortifications of Ratsburg (*sic*), but the king of Denmark refuses to treat till the garison quit the same, which it's beleived they will be forced to consent to, they having but 12 dayes provision in the town, and no hopes of releife from Sweden.

From Pigneroll they write, the Germans continue to bombard that place; that they have destroyed all the country to Feneshelle, and had blockt up the narrow passes to hinder Catinats march when he is reinforced, which are near joining him.

What else is material of foreign news is in the Gazet.

This day a great councill, where expected the 3 admiralls would have been called in, but said the matter is deferr'd to his majesties arrival.

The monthly fast is ordered to be discontinued.

The interlopers have put in a caveat at the privy seal against passing the East India company's charter.

From Portsmouth wrote, that the Turky fleet which came from Kingsale are refitted, and fallen down to Stokes bay, and are ready to sail again for the Streights under convoy of 40 English and Dutch men of war, commanded by admiral Hobson, so soon as they receive his majesties orders.

At Maidstone sessions this week an indictment was preferred against Thomas Yarbrough, Henry Cooper, Harcourt Goodrick, William Waltham, and George, Wm., and Thomas Morley, gent. for a ryot committed on our lord mayor some time since at Greenwich; and the grand jury brought the bill in ignoramus.

Satturday, 7th October.—A foreign mail came in yesterday, Vienna, 26th September: on raising the seige of Belgrade, general Veterani, with a strong detachment, marched to secure the passes there against the enemy: the emperors army, under the duke of Croy, is encamped at Salankm^{t}: no certain advice which way the Turkish army will move, whether fight the imperialists, or enter Transilvania.

Paris, 5th; Catinat is decamped to fight the allies, being superior in horse, and equall in foot, since his reinforcement; a courier newly arrived sayes he is advancing towards Turin; on which the duke of Savoy has left the marquesse of Leganez with a small force before Pigneroll, and marched with the rest of the army towards Catinat, soe that in probability there will be a battle.

The duke of Mantua is dead.

Hague, 10th October; last night the king, with the duke of Ormond, lord Sidney, and earle of Essex, arrived here from Loo; and this evening advice came from Flanders that Charleroy holds out, the French not having yet taken the counterscarp: their foot are much fatigued, and their horse forced to releive them by doing duty in the trenches.

The states have sent thanks to the duke of Saxony for letting his troops winter on the Upper Rhine, and that they will stand firm in the common cause; they have also promised assistance to Leige in case they be attacked; and a considerable body of

horse is sent thither to prevent Boufflers making any insult on the place.

Written letters from the Hague, dated last Teusday, say, the day before the French gave a generall assault to the counterscarp of Charleroy, and lodged themselves on the point thereof, summoned the governour to surrender, who said he had as yet 6000 men in garison, and till they were reduced to a 1000 he would not talk it; they made severall sallies, and sprung some mines with good successe against the enemy.

The difference about Ratsburgh is accommodated; the fortifications to be demolished, and the Danes and Lunenburghers to retire therefrom.

Admirall Mitchell, with the Monmouth, Rupert, Mountague, Sterling Castle, and Charles gally is gone to convoy over the king, who embarks, if the wind favour, on Monday next; and if these be not then arrived he will come with the Dutch convoy.

On Friday the committee of councill appointed to inspect the miscarriages of the Turky fleet convened before them the admiralls, where the Dutch admiral and sir George Rook attended, and they all appear again on Monday next.

On Monday collonel Beaumont maryed the lady Crewes daughter.

The monthly fast is not yet put off.

The Diamond frigat with severall Barbadoes ships are carried into St. Maloes, and 2 Jamaica ships into Stantz.

All the bomb vessells for the new expedition under the convoy of 6 men of war are sailed out of the Downs with the wind at east.

October 3d, Plymouth; the Good Intent is arrived here from Jamaica with logwood, sugar, and cotton; the master sayes the sicknesse is abated in that island; and that they are building a new town there instead of Port Royall; the Lyon pinnace come in here for sick seamen.

Wrote from Aleppo, that the prince of the Arabs has totally defeated the bassa of Bagadet with 25,000 Turks, and drove many of them into the river Euphrates: the Arabs have taken a Turkish caravan valued at 150,000 royalls.

Turin, 22 Sept.; we are laying up great magazines at Vi-

gone in order to streighten Pigneroll, if not reduced this campagne; the works of Fort Brigit are advanced, and 10 peices of cannon with 800 men are put into it.

Brussells, October 7th; the duke D'Villeroy has taken a bastion before Charleroy, in which was a captain and 87 men, who were made prisoners of war, and sent to Namur; on Satterday the French made an assault on the counterscarp with 800 men, and were beaten off with 200 losse: on Sunday night they made another, but were beaten of with 300, and Monday they made another, and lodged themselves on the point, but were beaten out again; they sprung a mine, and blew up 700 French and as many boors; the governour, Don Castillo, has wrote to his lady, he can hold out till the 15th against the power of France; wants for nothing; and then doubts not of good terms if the weather does not force them to draw off: the French have not lost lesse than 10,000 killed and wounded in the seige.

A gentleman arrived sayes Charleroy held out on Sunday last.

The duke de Croy is entrenched under the cannon of Peterwaradin, his army consisting [of] 28,800 men; the grand vizier held a councill of war, where resolved not to passe the Save, but to send a detachment to enter Transilvania; on which duke Croy has sent generall Veterani 8 regiments; count Teckeley is posted with 6000 malecontents near Temeswaer; the Croats have entred Bosnia, and took Median by storm, putting all to the sword.

The garison of Charleroy in a sally nailed up 30 of the enemies cannon.

Teusday, 10th October.—An order was read in some churches to forbid the fast last Sunday.

Yesterday coll. Earle and other officers arrived here from Flanders, and say his majestie will come with the 1st fair wind.

The custome house officers have seized in a ship near Gravesend 3 chests of gold and silver in bullion, with a great summe coyned, supposed to be going for France.

The committee of the councill satt last night, and had the 3 admiralls again before them, with the Turky merchants, as also 2 French officers taken by sir George Rook on board 2

French fireships in Lagos bay, and they are all to attend on Thursday next.

Kingsale, 1 October; the Centurion has brought in here a French prize of 40 tuns, which she took near Brest; the prisoners say Tourville with his squadron is come into that port.

50 ships are ordered for Ireland to buy corn for the use of the army in Flanders, wheat being sold at 2*s.* the bushell.

Advice is come to Whitehall that Dubart, the great French privateer, is cruizing with a strong squadron between this and Holland with design to intercept the king.

This morning 5 highwaymen were seized at the Rummer at Charing Crosse; Mr. Carney and Goffe, and capt. Scot was one who accuses the rest; he was committed to the Gatehouse, and the other 4 to Newgate.

Roger Mompesson, esq., who assaulted the duke of Bolton, yesterday surrendred himselfe to the messenger.

The king in his letter to the queen sent a copy of the letter the governor of Charleroy writt to the elector of Bavaria; that he had made 5 sallies, wherein he had levelled severall of the enemies works, batteries, and nailed up a great many of their cannon, and 4 of their mortars, which had obliged them to send to Namur for more artillery; that he had sustained 6 severall assaults on the counterscarp and other works, some of which he had lost, but with great slaughter of the enemy; that he had sprung 11 mines, 7 whereof had the desired effect: some prisoners say the French have had 5000 killed, and severall officers of note, besides many wounded; that he had made new retrenchments, and a fort within, being resolved to abide the last extremity, having not had a thousand men then killed and wounded.

A foreign post is wanting.

The king and duke of Bavaria have sent to the governour and garison of Charleroy that they will take care to provide for the wives and children of those kill'd in the defence of the place; and those that come out alive they will reward with double pay, and other marks of honour.

At Foy in Cornwall, the 26th, there was 43 packs of French dowlas, in 7 lots, sold by inch of candle; some lotts sold for

30 or 40*l.* more then really worth, the better to colour the great quantities some men have got privately thence.

The governour of Charleroy has seized all the drums and trumpets in the place to prevent the beating false alarms to capitulate.

Satturday the Oxford coaches were robbed by 6 highwaymen.

Cowes, 7th; a Dutch caper came in with a French prize with wine and brandy.

Satturday last 2 Irish men were taken in Holborn and committed to Newgate for killing the cowes about Islington.

Weymouth, 7th; the Eagle is come in here from St. Maloes with 900 English prisoners; among them capt. Harmer and severall masters of ships from Barbadoes.

Said the Kings Fisher has taken a French man of war of 70 guns on the French coast after 3 hours fight, and killing 40 of the French, and then he yeilded.

Yesterday the East India company received their new charter.

Close of last a vessell was taken going for France with several passengers on board; and in the vessell was above 40,000*l.* in silver, designed for king James.

Justice Colt on Sunday committed severall persons taken at St. James's, and drinking king James health, and saying he would land here in few dayes, and then all the English officers would run over to him.

Thursday, 12th October.—The 3 admiralls are this evening to attend the councill, and answer these following questions: 1, Why they did not send into Brest to see if the French fleet were out? 2, Why at the councell of warr, held 30 leagues S. W. of Ushant, where 'twas agreed to sail 20 leagues further with sir George Rook, and the signal of parting to be 5 guns from the admiralls, they did not according to their orders give him directions how to steer? 3, Why on parting they did not hold a councill of war, their orders being to doe soe, tho' out of danger? The merchants also complain that they were not advised withall in the councill of warr; and the 2 French officers taken in the French fireships say, they told sir George Rooke it was their grand fleet, and not part of them.

The earle of Danby is gone downe to the fleet; and 'tis said commands the winter squadron.

Dr. Huntington and Dr. Conant stand candidates for warden

of Marten colledge in Oxford, worth 500*l.* per ann., vacant by the death of sir Thomas Clayton.

Sir Adam Oately, a master in chancery, being well last night, was this morning found dead in his bed.

The gunner of the Diamond being released from France was yesterday on the Exchange; he sayes they had on board 140 men, that they fought the French some time without the captain's consent, killing 80 of the French, and lost 26 of their own; he much blames the captain; and last night the gunner was examined before the lords of the admiralty.

This afternoon a Dutch mail, which sayes the French made a generall assault on Charleroy the last of September, our stile, and were beaten back, but the garison, finding themselves unable to resist another, capitulated on Sunday the 1st October, and on Teusday marched out with drums beating, &c.; 200 waggons, 50 of them covered, 4 peices of cannon, 2 mortars, and 30 men in vizards, and were conducted to Aeth.

From Paris wrote, that the 4th of October a battle was fought between Mr. Catinat and the duke of Savoy, in which the latter had 6000 killed, and 1500 taken prisoners, with 30 colours, 54 standards, and 34 peices of cannon; duke Schonbergh is wounded, and prisoner; prince Comercy killed: after which the duke of Savoy retired to Turin; and the French lost only 2000 men; but this coming from France only, we hope to have a more favourable account of the fight.

The king is at the Hague, expecting a fair wind to embarque for England.

Satturday, 14th October.—Last foreign post brought the articles between the king of Denmark and the house of Lunenburgh concerning Ratsburgh, that the former amity and correspondence be renewed; the fortifications to be demolished so soon as the articles be ratified; the Lunenburghers to withdraw all their forces over the Elbe except 200; the king of Denmark to withdraw all his except 2 regiments of horse and 4 battalions of foot, and they also in 14 dayes; and the house of Lunenburgh shall not pretend to the succession of Saxe Lawenburgh till determined by the quarantees.

On Thursday night the 3 admiralls gave in their answer to the questions put to them by the committee of counsell, but we hear not what it was.

Capt. Sanders going to Holland with one of the kings yatchs, was forced to returne, being chased by some French privateers, who kill'd severall of his men.

Sir Francis Wheeler is arrived at Portsmouth with a squadron of men of war from the West Indies.

On Thursday the sessions began at the Old Baily; the midwife was found guilty for starving 4 infants, but her maid acquitted; Percivall, the player, found guilty of clipping; Dyer, the new writer, appeared not, his recognizance ordered to be estreated: the sessions will not be done till Teusday.

Last night one Mr. Johnson, a bayliffe, in Fetter lane, had his house broke open, and 600*l.* carryed off.

A bill will be offered to the parliament forbidding the transportation of corn under severe penalties, on complaint some Dutch vessells have carried it from England and Ireland to Havre de Grace.

This night a foreign mail, but brings no particulars of the battle of Savoy from any place but Paris, soe we hope for a more favourable account when the letters come from those parts.

A party of 200 confederate foot on the Rhine under a lieutenant coll. fought a French party, killed 50, took 58 prisoners and 34 horses; great magazines are laying up at Frankfort for the Saxon forces this winter.

Hague, 16th October; the French and confederate armies are going into quarters.

The 14, the king was in the assembly of the states generall and the councill of state, where the charge of the war for the year 1694 was debated, and resolved to carry it on vigorously.

The Turks and Tartars are on their march to beseige Trinity Fort, which bridles the garison of Camineec.

Earle of Clancarty, now a prisoner in the Tower, is in few dayes going for France, and is made captain of king James guards in the room of Sarsfeild, deceased.

Countesse dowager of Errol, governesse to the prince of Wales, is dead at St. Germains; and prince Phillip of Savoy at the French court.

An eminent protestant minister was seized at Languedock, and condemned to be executed; the people drew together to save him, so they carried him to Monpellier, and there executed him.

Studgart, 11th October; the French have quite destroyed the flat country within this dutchy: and have carried 14 prelates with the principal burghers for hostages, to pay 600,000 florins arrears, and 100,000 rix dollars contributions.

A great storm hapned on the coast of Provence, where divers wrecks were drove on shore; the French fear their men of war.

Said in the battle of Savoy the French lost 3000 and 1500 wounded, and the confederates not many more; duke Schonbergh is wounded in the legg.

Teusday, 17th October.—Sir Francis Wheeler is arrived at Spithead with his squadron of men of war, as also the Virginia and Jamaica fleet of merchant ships; they are ordered not to intermingle with the rest of his majesties ships there, but ride at distance to perform their quarantine, least they should bring that country distemper with them.

Plymouth, 13th October; this day arrived here from the north west passage the Hudson's Bay frigat of 30 guns bound for London, captain Greenington commander, who sayes he made himselfe master of 3 French factories in those parts, which they took from us in the late reign; and that he had got very rich plunder, about 80,000*l.*, of which, if each seaman have his share, it will come to 1000*l.* a man: he fought a French man of war in his passage of 40 guns, and had taken her but that she outsailed him.

Yesterday the councill had before them the affair of the East India company; and examined the 2 goalers of Ipswich and Beccles in Suffolk for letting prisoners escape.

This day the sessions ended at Old Baily, where 17 received sentence of death; amongst them the midwife for killing severall children, Mr. Percivall and 6 other clippers, and 4 soldiers that broke open a house at Woodford in Essex; Shadrack Cook, the parson, was fined 200*l.*, and security for a year, for counterfeiting the lord Nottingham's seal; Douglas, in whose house Butler and Newbolt had their printing presse, was fined 200 marks; and Gawen, a surgeon, concerned therein, fined 100*l.*; Francis West fined 100 marks for giving away the prince of Wales picture to receive halfe a guinea for each when king James returns; he was fined 100 marks more for dispersing a paper called an errata to the Bible; one Duck-

feild fined 40 marks for saying he was one of king James soldiers, and received 5*s*. a week.

This day duke Hamilton and others of the Scotch nobility arrived here from Edingburgh.

The king is not yet arrived, the wind being directly contrary, and the foreign post is wanting.

Last Paris letters say, that king is sending Mr. Chanlay to Piedmont to offer the duke of Savoy new propositions of peace; and that an edict is published commanding all privateers who take any ships of corn not to ransom them, but bring them into port.

Search has been made after Charlton the noted highwayman, but narrowly mist at his lodgings in Channell row.

The French are fortifying Treves, to quarter this winter 2000 foot and 6000 horse.

The towne of Frankfort have offered to raise 400,000 florins for the elector of Saxonys troops this winter.

The confederates are rebuilding Heidleburgh, and fortifying Hailbron and Ladenburgh.

October 20, Hague; the states generall are seperated after having resolved to raise 19,000 men, including the 4000 Swisse; and to augment their fleet with 20 men of warr, which they have signified to the king of England.

Bishop Bambergh is dead.

The French are fortifying Charleroy and Nivelle with new works.

The Turky ships at Gibralter are ready to sail for Cadiz.

Mrs. Mountfort hath petitioned the queen for her fathers pardon, which beleived may be granted if she withdraw her appeal against lord Mohun.

An expresse is come to Cadiz to provide 10 weeks provisions for the Spanish fleet.

A warrant is out to apprehend severall persons who revelled in Drury lane on Satturday last, drinking king James health, being his birth day, and had a bonefire; one health was, Box it about, it will come to my father, meaning king James; a 2d was, To the kings fast friend, meaning Lovis 14th.

The customes of the Jamaica and Virginia fleets, 'tis said, will come to 100,000*l*.

Thursday, 19th October.—Yesterday a duell was fought be-

tween Mr. Levingston, brother to the lord Newburgh, and Mr. Charles Howard, an ensign in the late reign; the latter killed on the spott.

Wrote from Portsmouth, that 12 men of warr, with the bomb vessells, well boats, &c. are ready at St. Hellens, waiting only for a wind; their commission not to be opened till out at sea; and the lord Danby commands them.

Her majestie has ordered all ships that intend for the Canaries to be ready by the 25th of this month, when a convoy will attend them, they giving bond to goe and return with it.

This evening is a great hearing at doctors commons before the civilians between the king and the Jews about the severall chests of gold and silver seized lately near Gravesend; the king claims it as forfeited; the Jews say 'tis lawfull to export bullion.

The East India company's charter is but durante bene placito, and are to accept of such restrictions and limitations his majestie shall appoint.

Sir Charles Porter, chancellour of Ireland, having obtained leave of the councell here to return for England in order to make his defence in parliament, the seal will be managed by commissioners in his absence, the archbishop of Dublin, earle of Meath, and William Hill of Hilsborough, esq. The lord has been some dayes hearing a great cause between the earls of Clare, Thanet, and Mountague on account of their ladies, (daughters to the late duke of Newcastle,) who left most of his estate by will to the countesse of Clare, so the 2 other join to sett the will aside, alledging his grace to be non compos: great expectation is how his lordship will determine it.

The admiralls are to be this evening before the councill again; that which seem'd most hard against them was, whether they had appointed a rendevouze for the fleet or station, to which place they might have orders or ships sent them, and gave notice thereof here above; but it does appear in one of their letters there was a paragraph incerted where the admiralty board might send to them.

The wind continuing contrary obstructs his majesties arrivall and the coming in of the foreign post.

Mr. Pearse, surgeon generall to the late king, died lately.

The duke de Medina Sidonia, vice roy of , and generall of the Spanish troops, has laid seige to Belwort, a French garison in the county of Cardinia.

French king gave 500 pistolls to Mr. Caraman, who brought the news of the surrrender of Charleroy, and has made Mr. Brisset governour thereof.

Amsterdam, October 20th; admirall Mitchel is arrived here with his convoy to attend the king.

Capt. Bart is cruizing with 25 Dunkirk frigats between England and Holland.

Admirall Aylmer came post to town on Teusday night from Portsmouth to attend the councill.

Mounsieur Pontchartin in France, intendant and generall of sea affairs, has acquainted the French king it will be necessary to have in the Mediterranean this winter 50 men of war, the least to carry 36 guns, to disturb the trade of the allies there.

Sir Francis Wheeler in his way home touched at Newfoundland, where he took from the French Albania Fort, and in it some plunder.

The Turky and Barbadoes merchants are preparing petitions to the parliament to inquire into the miscarriage of their fleet.

A spy is taken at Dublin with dangerous papers, and will be tryed for it.

Edingburgh, 13th; yesterday the magistrates of this citty mett to consider how to raise money to pay the forces.

The Happy Return, a prize of 150 tunns, 12 guns, and 6 patereroes, is to be sold at Pembroke by order of the commissioners of the prize office.

A ship of 120 tuns from Barbadoes with sugar was cast away at Leith; the men all saved.

Satturday, 21st October.—The sessions began at the Old Baily the 12th, and held the 13th, 14th, 16th, and 17th, where severall criminals were tryed; 16 were burnt in the hands, 22 received sentence of death, 5 were ordered to be whipt, and severall fined.

This day came out their majesties proclamation for preventing the exportation of corn to France, and the enhaunsing the price of it at home, and for setting the power on work.

The Turky merchants and other companies are preparing

petitions to the parliament desiring them to take into consideration the miscarriage of their, (*sic*) and to appoint a committee to enquire into the matter.

The officers of the ordnance have contracted from [for] 10,000 bombs, 2 thirds of them to be between 2 and 300 pound weight each; and they are [to] augment all their stores proportionably.

The coroners inquest have brought it in wilfull murder in Mr. Levlngston killing Mr. Charles Howard.

Bristoll, 18th October; yesterday came in the Flying Horse, and sayes, the Morning Star and Amity, 2 rich ships from Barbadoes, are feared to be fallen into the hands of the French, being engaged with 2 privateers.

Tourville is now certainly arrived at Brest with 30 capitall men of war on Sunday last.

Last night severall merchants complained to the lords of the admiralty that some of their ships outward bound were not halfe manned, praying leave to have more men allowed them in order to pursue their voyage.

Mr. Neals project is filled up, and will be drawn the beginning of next month.

Severall of the Diamond crew are arrived here from France, and have been examiued before the lords of the admiralty; and a vessell is sent to St. Maloes to fetch home capt. Wickham, who commanded her, and the rest of the mariners.

The admiralls are to attend the councill next Monday, and to bring with them all their instructions and orders to compare with their proceedings; divers persons are to attend at same time for reporting that the lord Falkland read a letter from the admiralls wherein he omitted a passage in their behalfe.

The St. Albans frigat is come into Plymouth from cruizing, having sprung her main mast by weather.

This evening held a cabinet councill relating to the approaching parliament, which is to meet on Thursday, and if the king does not arrive before that time, beleiv'd they will be prorogued for a few dayes longer; but the wind coming easterly this evening his majestie is expected the beginning of next week.

We want 2 foreign posts.

The ship Sarah arrived the 16th at Plymouth from New England, laden with sugar and oyle.

The winter squadron consists of 5 3d rates, 5 4thes, 2 5ths, 3 fire ships, and 4 plankers for bombs and well boats, are all ready; and capt. Benloe is gone for Jersey and Guernsey to look out pilotts that know the French coasts to serve in this expedition.

A bill is preparing to protect officers and soldiers from arrests during the warr.

Duke Hamilton has taken his seat in councill, and has given her majestie an account of affairs in Scotland.

The East India company are buying up quantities of woollen cloth to send to India.

Paris, 16th; the Danish and other neutral princes have demanded a restitution of their ships taken with the English and Dutch Turky fleets, and received a favourable answer.

Hull, 17; a French privateer of considerable force was lately cast away here, and some of the wreck drove ashore.

The commissioners of the victualling office attended the lords of the treasury, as also admiral Russell, who 'tis beleiv'd will command the fleet next year.

The Turky merchants are ordered to be ready with their fleet by the first of next month; admiral Calenburgh comands the Dutch squadron; who the English, is not knowne.

The 18th sailed out of the Downs the Topsham fleet, under a convoy, as also 30 outward bound merchant ships; 6 of them for Guinea.

The Riga fleet appeared of Harwich the 19th, but could not come by reason of high winds.

Teusday, 24th October.—Last night a foreign mail, of our 12th; from Vienna wrote, the imperial army still continue near Peterwaradin; the duke de Croy is dangerously ill; the Turks are fortifying Belgrade; and have reinforced Gyula and Temeswaer, which was what they aimed at; and the Tartars are returning home; so no further action in those parts.

Rome, 3d; the accomodation with France is fully concluded; the pope hath lately granted the emperor the 10th of his clergy; and cardinal Altieri has in the popes name proposed the French terms of peace to the emperor and the king of Spains ministers.

Paris, 20th; an expresse is arrived that Mr. Catinat had

possessed himselfe of Villa Franca, which the confederates had deserted; and that he intended to passe the Po with his army and beseige Coni.

Duke Schonbergh is dead of his wounds.

Mr. Chasteau Revaud lies in Lagos bay with 35 French men of war, expecting the arrival of the Spanish galleons.

Brussells, 21st; most of the confederates infantry are gone into garison, but the chivalry are quartered in the villages of Little Brabant, whence they march by degrees in winter quarters.

Luxemburgh on the 16th went for Versailles; severall regiments are sending to Ostend and Newport, where new fortifications are making.

Hague, 23d October; this day his majestie went to Orange Polder to embarque for England with the English and Dutch convoy, but the winds being contrary he returned hither this evening.

Yesterday, 14, malefactors were executed at Tyburn; 6 of them clippers; and also the midwife was hanged in Holborn, near Old Southampton Buildings; Percivall and Dear, two clippers, were repreived.

Mr. Dallion, the French minister, committed to Newgate for preaching treason, is removed to Bedlam, being distracted.

Mr. Thomas Pitts, barrister at law, is sworn master of chancery in room of sir Adam Oateley deceased.

Duke of Savoy has signified by his envoy to the allies at the Hague that he will continue firm to the confederacy notwithstanding the advantageous offers by the French.

We want 2 foreign posts.

The East India interlopers are fitting out 5 ships for the East Indies, and are preparing petitions to the parliament against the companies charter; and the company are sending 6 ships to India.

The parliament will be put off to the 4th of November, the wind as yet hindring the kings coming.

From Paris wrote, bread is there 7*d.* per pound, and the cheapest in that kingdome is 6*d.* per pound.

Earle of Doncaster was this day married to the earle of Rochesters daughter.

Portsmouth, 21st; yesterday sailed hence 6 4th rates and 5

5th rates, and one bomb vessell, to the west, under command of captain Phillips and capt. Banden.

A Bristoll ship, laden with cotton and sugars from the West Indies, taken by the French, was retaken by the Dragon, and brought into Pembroke; as also the Eagle of London from Barbadoes, of 200 tunns, was taken and retaken, and brought into Cowes.

2 English privateers were lanched the last week at Woolwich, the Allie and the Lilly.

One Mr. Willoughby, drinking yesterday in a tavern, near the custom house, threw himselfe out of a window, and broke his legg; and when they went for a surgeon he cutt his throat.

The queen has put 500*l.* into Mr. Neals lottery.

The Dutch ambassadour at Constantinople is confined to his house.

Rear admirall Mitchell is arrived in the Maese with 4 3d rate ships, and as many 4th rates, the Charles gally, and severall yatchs, to convoy his majestie.

Edingburgh, 17th; a proclamation is published here prohibiting the exportation of corn.

Thursday, 26th October.—Orders are sent to Ireland to augment every new regiment of horse and dragoons with three new troops, and 6 companies to be added to every regiment of foot there; and six new regiments will be raised in that kingdom.

This day the parliament mett, and were by commission prorogued to Tuesday the 7th of November next.

Yesterday Mr. Levingston, who killed Mr. Howard, was taken in Spittle Feilds, and sent to Newgate; and capt. Sellenger is committed to the Gatehouse, as being accessary to the said murther.

Yesterday the court of kings bench granted a second mandamus to Dr. Gower, master of St. Johns colledge in Cambridge, to turn out the non juring fellowes thereof.

Wrote from Northampton, that some great dealers there haveing bought up great quantities of corn, which had enhaunced the market, and were sending it away, the people gott together and overturned some of their carts, cut open their sacks, &c. whereby wheat was sold the next market at 5*s.* the bushel.

The squadron designed for the expedition are sailed westward.

The council having heard the difference between the admirals and the lord Falkland, as to a letter said to be read at the council by his lordship, in which he left out a material part thereof, which seem'd to vindicate the admirals, the council declared it to be a false and scandalous report of his lordship.

Two persons lately come from France are taken into a custody of a messenger.

Falmouth, 21st October; a ship of Topsham, capt. Scott commander, coming from Newfoundland, laden with fish, was cast away near the Lands End; the men and most of the cargo saved.

The wind being now fair, we hourly expect to hear his majestie is landed from Holland.

There are 3 foreign posts due.

The 23d, being the 1st day of the term, the appearances of some persons were recorded.

Saturday, 28 *Oct.*—Yesterday came in two Dutch mails, which bring from Turin; wrote, that the duke of Savoy continued with his army under the cannon of that place, having found them in a better condition since the battle then was at first expected; that he detached 2500 men, who putt themselves into Coni 3 hours before Catinat came to invest it; on which he altered his resolutions, and advanced with his army to the hills about Turin; which place 'tis beleived hee'l bombard; and reinforcements are marching to Catinat from Alsace and other parts to enable him to enforce the duke of Savoy to a seperate peace, who has hitherto refused mounsieur Chanlais's proposals; that the Germans are withdrawn from the blockade of Cazall to reinforce his royal highnesses army, who has promised 4 years exemption from taxes to such of the countrey as will voluntarily arm against the French.

Brussels, 28th; a strong garison is putt into Alost, and 8000 men are in Aeth: the French lay up great magazines in Ipres and Furnes; and we are working on the fortifications of Ostend and Newport, thinking the French have a design upon those places.

From Paris wrote, the king is giving out commissions for

raising 40,000 men more; and his army in Flanders has orders to extend their lines from Courtray to Pont Esperies: they are laying up great magazines at Montroyal, &c.; 'tis beleived they have a design again upon Rhinfelden.

This morning came in another foreign mail of the 3d of November, which sayes, duke Schonberg is ill of a feavour; and that the queen of Spain was with child, and prayers were made for her safe delivery.

That his majestie designed to embarque as yesterday for England; that mounsieur the kings Dutch secretary goeing on board in the boat of the ship, the sea running very high, and thinking the boat was sinking, leapt overboard, and was drowned; the rest gott safe on board.

The proclamation with 200*l.* reward has had good effect, for some persons have already discovered 3 ships load of corn that were going to Dunkirk, and others that were loading for France.

The commissioners appointed to enquire into what monies were levied on dissenters in the late reigns, and not paid into the exchequer, after 3 hearings before the barons thereof, have cast sir James Smith, the executor of sir Dudley North, and Mr. Cleave, justice of peace of Middlesex.

The sherifs of London have invited the queen to dine at Guildhal on Monday next, being the lord mayors shew.

The lord Danby, with his squadron for the expedition, supposed to be against St. Maloes, lyes wind bound in Cowes road.

The foreign letters further say, those from Savoy, that that duke is drawing 8 or 10,000 of the militia together to join with the regular troops; that in the late action they lost not above 3 or 4000 men; and 500 hundred (*sic*); that duke Schonberg recovered dayly; and that his royal highnesse, at the request of 2 capuchins had granted leave for the town of Vigon to remain newter; and that the Vaudois had taken 300 mules going with meal to Pignerol from Dauphigny.

Vienna, 14 Oct.; the army under the duke de Croy continued encamp'd the 10th, but design'd to break up the next day; and that they are working very diligently on the fortifications of Peterwaradin.

Hamburgh, 23d; the elector of Hanover hath given order for recruiting his troops, and for raising 3 new regiments of

foot and 1 of horse and 1 of dragoons, tis said for the service of the states general.

The elector of Saxony hath given out commissions for raising several new regiments.

Leige, 23d; the body of this citty have agreed to give their prince a considerable subsidy to enable him to carry on the warr against France in concert with the confederates.

Hague, 26th; the president de la Tour hath assured the states general that his master the duke of Savoy will continue firm in the league against France; and hath returned two letters he received from Mr. Chanlay with proposalls. of peace without opening them.

Paris, 23d; an expresse is arrived from Rome with advice that the pope on the 6th instant personized all the French bishops that assisted in the assembly in 1682.

A Spanish mail is come from the Groyne with advice that 4 Turkey ships are come from Gibralter to Cadiz.

Tuesday, 31 *October*.—On Sunday, late in the evening, the queen received an expresse that the king landed about 3 in the afternoon at Harwich; went that night to Colchester, and lay at sir Isaack Rebow's house, and next morning sett forward for London; the queen mett him at Ingerstone; the people every where as they came expressed their joy by ringing of bells, bonefires, illuminations, &c.

This morning was a great appearance of the nobility and gentry at Kensington to congratulate his majesties return; and the sherifs of London were there to know when his majestie would be attended by the lord mayor and aldermen; and Thursday next is appointed.

Certain advice being come of duke Schonbergs being dead at Turin, his regiment of guards will be given to the lord Sidney, who had the same before he went lord lieutenant of Ireland; his honour and estate descends to his brother, the duke of Leinster.

This day was a long argument in the exchequer chamber in the case of the bankers, by sir Wm. Williams for the king; and for the bankers; and another argument will be the last Tuesday in this term.

One Stacy, a notorious highway man, formerly pardoned, being a witnesse against Whitney and his gang, was taken in

an alehouse in Fleetstreet, and committed to Newgate, after he had shot the constable, tho he is not yet dead, and discharged 4 pistolls.

From the Neptune at Spithead, 27 October, all the well boats, bomb vessells, &c. for the new expedition, are sailed westward under the command of capt. Bembo, and not the earl of Danby.

Yesterday sir Francis Wheeler held a court martial on board the Carlisle, where the mate, boatswain, and a soldier of the Royal Oak were tryed; the two first for embezilling the kings stores, and the latter for killing his comrade, and are all sentenc'd to be hang'd.

Sir Francis Wheeler having performed his quarantine is ordered into harbour.

Letters from Cadiz say, that some of the galleons or Plate fleet from New Spain began to appear in sight of that place.

From Plymouth the Eagle sailed thence for St. Maloes with 30 French prisoners to be exchanged.

Yesterday sir Wm. Ashurst, the new lord mayor, attended by the aldermen and livery men in their barges, went down to Westminster, and was sworn before the lord cheif baron Atkins, who in a speech highly commended the cities choice, (reflecting much upon the lord Nottingham and the church;) after which the lord keeper Sommers, with the judges, and divers lords of the council, dined with the lord mayor at Grocers hall, where they were splendidly entertained at his lordships own charge.

Two Virginia ships of London are safely arrived at Bristol, richly laden.

Eight masters of ships transporting corn into France have been taken up since the late proclamation to prohibit the same.

The states of Holland have resolved to have in Flanders next spring 53,000 men; and to have at sea 70 capital ships, one squadron of which is designed for the Mediterranean, to be victualled for a year.

The French king has sent to the states to demand a pasport for an ambassador to offer proposalls of peace to the confederates at the congresse, which, tis said, they have refused.

The duke of Savoy, having rejected the French kings offers

of peace, he hath ordered 20,000 men that way to reinforce mounsieur Catinat.

Wrote from Germany that count Teckeley is dead.

Tis said his majestie will raise 14 regiments of foot, 6 of horse, and 4 of dragoons, this winter.

Myn Herr Van Zitters came over with his majestie, and goes the states general ambassador to the king of Spain, and mounsieur Odyke is come their ambassador hither.

Thursday, 2 *November*.—On Tuesday night last his majestie conferred the honour of knighthood on Edward Ward, esq. his attorney general; and this morning did the like on Thomas Abney, esq. one of the sherifs of London, when the lord mayor and aldermen attended his majestie at Whitehal; and being introduc'd into the presence chamber, Mr. recorder made a speech, wherein he congratulated his safe and happy return; and said, that the successe had not answered the hopes of his people, yet they were assured that that God, who had so evidently protected his majestie from many perils and dangers wherein he had exposed himself, would in his own good time work a deliverance for them, &c. The king thank'd them for their good wishes, and declared that he would never be wanting (tho with the peril of his life) to bring them to their desired peace; and then gave them his hand to kisse. After which he went to council, where the matter of the East India company was fully setled, and the regulations agreed; and they are ordered to double their stock, and to carry out yearly 150,000*l.* of our manufacture to India.

The king dined in private with the lord Newport, where were the dukes of Hamilton and Ormond, general Talmach, lord Colchester, &c.

The dissenting ministers of the citty have been to wait on his majestie to congratulate his safe return; as also the bishop of London, with his clergy; all which were favourabbly received.

The king was never observed to be better in health then he is at present.

Our merchants have advice of the ship Hope of London, an interloper to Guinea, being safely arrived at Galloway in Ireland, richly laden with elephants teeth, gold dust, &c.; but they are in some pain for the Bilboa fleet, which have been at

sea 6 weeks, and have not been heard of; they are about 30 sail.

One Close, a French spy, is brought over hither from Ostend, where he was taken by the earl of Argile.

An Ostend privateer, goeing to Leith with Scotch officers, was cast away off Yarmouth, several of which are come thither.

Yesterday morning Mr. Neales project was open'd at Freemans yard in Cornhil, in the view of a multitude of spectators; the lotts were drawn out of 2 boxes by two blew coat hospital boyes, and after open'd, view'd, and read by the governours, and then publish'd aloud whither blank or prize: there have not been above 20 tickets benefitted drawn; the biggest drawn was 2000*l.*, in which 18 persons were concerned; 'tis beleived they will not be drawn in a fortnight.

The lady dowager Shaftsbury is dead.

Tis wrote from Paris, that upon the reconciliation of the pope and the French king a gold medal had been made; on one side was the French king brandishing his sword, and the pope by him at prayers, with this motto, Dum pugno tu precaberis; the reverse was, the pope crowned, admitting the French clergy, with this device, Sanctitati tuæ debimus initium.

From Italy tis wrote, the French threaten the dukedom of Millain with fire and sword.

The letters from France say, that 40 small frigats are fitting out to serve as a winter guard; and there are near 200 privateers at sea, and 16 men of war, carrying at least 60 guns apeice; and commissaries are sent to Switzerland to raise recruits for our horse.

From Brussells, 2 Nov.; the dukes of Holstein and Wirtemburgh having visited all the towns and fortresses in Flanders, and garisons, are come to Malines, and thence to Maestrick, where the duke of Holstein will command this winter.

We hear his majestie before he left the Hague contracted a stricter alliance with the confederate princes, and therein agreed to augment his troops next campagne with 25,000 men, the emperor the like, the king of Spain as many, and the other confederates proportionable.

This evening was a great council at Whitehal upon the affair of the admirals, where the king was present.

We hear the Bilboa fleet have a convoy with them of 12 men of war, and are richly laden.

Saturday, 4 *Nov.*—Thursday last was a great council, the king present, where the Turky company desired the miscarriage of their fleet might be examined into, and a strong convoy speedily assigned them, and that admiral Rook might not command it, which lyes between sir Francis Wheeler and admiral Hobson; tis said the former will have it; the squadron will consist of 25 English and Dutch men of war, which will remain next summer in the Mediterranean to be ready to join the Spanish armado.

The 3 admirals attended the council, but have not yet kist his majesties hand; they have taken their seats at the admiralty board, and say they will justifye this summers conduct of the fleet to the parliament.

This being his majesties birth day a great concourse of nobility and gentry appeared at Whitehal to congratulate him thereon; and at night will be a great ball at Kensington.

The duke of Ormonds troop of guards appeared this day in Hide park, richly clothed.

There are come into Plymouth the Benjamin of London from Surat in the East Indies, the Deering frigat and Successe from the north west passage, and 2 ships from Antego, all richly laden.

The Heer Van Zitters, ambassador from the states general, is arrived at Harwich on his way hither.

Mr. Pooly, his majesties envoy at Turin, is returned home.

This day a proclamation was published for a thanksgiving for his majesties safe return; appointing the same to be kept in London on Sunday the 12th instant, and on Sunday the 26th throughout England.

This morning came in 2 Dutch mails; and from Vienna they write, that 2 expresses were arrived there from general Hofkirken, with advice that on the 20th they forced and took by assault a fort near Gyula, wherein were 4000 Turks and Tartars, killing 1200 of them, and made 2500 prisoners; and took also several hundred of camels, with rich plunder.

Prince Frederick of Wirtembergh was killed in a duel by count Palfy, quarter master general of the emperors forces, who is fled for it.

The confederate army in Savoy is 18,000 foot and 7000 horse; the duke hath fortified all the avenues leading to his camp; tis said Mr. Catinat hath drawn out of Pignerol 30 cannon and 20 mortars on some great design; he refuses to exchange the French refugees, tho twice demanded by the duke of Savoy.

Paris, 7th; the king hath offred to restore all his places to the duke of Savoy, and to reimburse him his charges, if he will stand neuter, and deliver up two garisons to him, and receive some of his troops into Piedmonth.

The pope has ordered all his nuntio's at the several princes courts to sollicit for a general peace.

The earl of Rivers is very ill, and given over by his physitians.

Yesterday several of the nobility with the lord keeper and judges mett in the exchequer to prick sherifs according to custom for the year ensueing.

We hear that great alterations will be made in Scotland among the ministers there; and that 5 of the lords of the session will be removed.

Fourteen French protestants are newly arrived here from Paris; they confirm the dearnesse of corn there, and the scarcity of bread; and say the protestants are very hardly used there, and many of them starved.

The farmers of the Royal Oak lottery pretend a right to Mr. Neales project.

Tuesday, 7 Nov.—Yesterday morning his majestie sent to the lord Nottingham for the seals of his office, which he brought, and delivered to the king; and that afternoon he removed his concerns out of the office: it is said the lord Shrewsbury or sir John Lowther of Lowther will be secretary: the former as yet declines it.

Last night Mr. Russel was declared admiral for the fleet the next summer, and will have greater power then formerly; the present admirals are discharged from their commission, and not to come to court; and admiral Rook is also removed.

This day the parliament mett, when the king made a speech, to which I referr.

The lords adjourned till Fryday, and the commons till Monday, when they take the kings speech into consideration.

Thursday, 9 Nov.—Last letters from Ireland say, the lords

justices had resolved to try as pyrates all the English and Irish taken in the French privateers, notwithstanding the opinion of the civilians of England to the contrary.

They add further, that a French privateer having taken 3 prizes near Dublin bay, capt. Welch, who commands the pacquet boat, mann'd her with 150 pickt seamen and soldiers, and went in pursuit of the privateer, but she gott away, leaving the 3 prizes to the captain, who brought them all into that harbour.

Dartmouth, 5th Nov.; on Fryday came in a Dutch privavateer of 16 guns, who mett 12 merchant ships going from Dunkirk to St. Maloes for salt, brandy, &c.; came up with one of them, which carryed 16 guns; fought her 6 hours, and took her.

Sir Richard Haddock, comptroller of the navy, having ventured 10*l.* at Mr. Neales lottery, had yesterday the good fortuue to draw the 3000*l.* lott.

This day Mr. secretary Trenchard removed his office to that which was the lord Nottinghams; so being now the upper secretary, 'tis beleived the lord Shrewsbury will not accept of the other; the lord Lexington, sir John Lowther, or Mr. Charles Mountague of the treasury, are talkt of for the other; tho others beleive sir John Trenchard will remain sole secretary for some time.

The duke of Leinster and the earl of Winchelsey took their seats last Tuesday in the house of lords.

The duke of Richmond designed to doe the like, but his patent being left in France, he was obliged to deferr the same till an exemplification thereof can be gott.

The letters from Dublin say further that the archbishop of that citty is dangerously ill.

Our merchants have advice that some of our privateers have taken 3 French ships homeward bound from Greenland, and were in pursuit of more.

Last night came an expresse to the admiralty office with advice that capt. Bembo, engineer Phillips, and capt. Silver, with the expedition squadron, had burnt near 30 privateers at St. Maloes, with many merchant ships and transport vessels; and by their bombs had burnt a great part of the town, which was on fire in divers places.

The Elizabeth of London, an East India ship, was taken by 4 French men of war within 60 leagues of Brazile.

From Edingburgh, 2d Nov., wrote, the lords of the sessions mett the day before, and read the kings letter appointing the following persons to be lords thereof; the lord chancellor, the dukes of Hamilton and Queensberry, the earl of Anandale, and lord Polworth.

The lord keeper Sommers, 'tis said, will be made a baron of Broughton or Bewdley.

The lord cheif baron Atkins is said to be layeing down.

Admiral Russel has been complimented by several of the nobility and gentry on his being declared sole admiral; and tis said he will be made a peer of the realm.

The new regiments that are to be raised this winter, 'tis said, will be commanded by gentlemens younger sons.

The earl of Abington is made justice in eyre in room of the lord Lovelace, deceased.

Sir Richard Haddock is removed from his place of comptroller of the navy office; 'tis said he will be succeeded by sir Clowsly Shovel.

Saturday, 11 *Nov.*—Mr. Russel has received his commission to be vice admiral of England, captain general of the narrow seas, and admiral of their majesties fleet; and intends speedily to visit Portsmouth, Chatham, &c. to give necessary directions for forwarding the naval preparations.

His majestie, considering the danger that the towns of Ostend and Newport in Flanders may be exposed to this winter by the near neighbourhood of the French, has resolved to send thither 12 regiments of foot, viz. the three French regiments, Hamiltons, Loyds, Venners, Ingoldsby's, Tiffany's, Brewers, St. George's, Colliers, and lord Cutts's; and this day his lordship (as brigadeer general) went hence for Hampshire to view the said regiments, and to hasten their embarquing.

His majestie, 'tis said, intends to augment his forces with 20,000 men, which, with what the confederates intend to raise, will increase their forces 100,000 men more then they were the last campagne.

Sir Charles Porter is this evening expected here from Ireland.

Yesterday the house of peers mett, and after receiving an

appeal, and reading a bill, they adjourned till Tuesday next, when, 'tis said, they intend to goe on the triennial bill.

The lord Lovelace, nephew to the late lord Lovelace, hath took his seat in the house of peers.

The price of corn abates here, wheat being sold yesterday for *7s. 6d.* a bushel.

Sir Philip Carteret, baylif of Jersey, being dead, 'tis said his son will succeed him.

Thursday evening one capt. Dodsworth, who formerly made some discoverie of the designs of the papists in Lancashire, and desired the protection of the parliament, came reeling into an alehouse in Bloomsbury, and immediately dyed, having 2 fresh bleeding wounds in his body.

It is certain orders are given for augmenting each company to 100 men, as being an easy way to raise men; and 'tis reported his majestie intends to raise 35,000 foot and 15,000 horse.

A French privateer of 8 guns, 6 patereroes, and 40 men, was stranded lately in Mounts bay in Cornwall.

Portsmouth, 6 Nov.; there is still here near 50 sail of English and Dutch men of warr under the command of admiral Wheeler.

On Thursday several persons attended the council with proposals for making new farthings that cannot be counterfeited.

Mr. Robert, the singing master, has drawn the 1000*l.* lott out of Mr. Neiles lottery.

The late archbishop of Canterbury has had 3 fits of an apoplexy.

Last night a great council at Whitehal, where the 3 late admirals attended, with the commissioners of the admiralty and navy; but their proceedings are kept secret.

Edingburgh, 2 Nov.; two Dutch men of war are arrived in the Leith with Scotch officers to raise recruits for their regiments in Flanders.

The lord keepers patent for making him a baron has past the privy seal.

Yesterday their majesties dined at Hampton Court, and returned to Kensington in the evening.

The French king has taken into his service 10,000 Danes.

Tuesday, 14 *Nov.*—Publick notice is fixed on the Exchange,

that the Turky merchants get ready their ships to goe with the convoy to the Streights, which will consist of 30 men of war, 5 of them flagg ships, and commanded in cheif by sir Francis Wheeler; they will goe in few dayes, and are to call at Cadiz and Gibralter, to take with them what ships are there.

Sunday last his majestie sent for the lord mayor to attend him, who was with him an hour in private.

A ship is come into Falmouth from Cadiz, and sayes, the Shandois, which was damaged at Gibralter, was come in there with 4 or 5 ships.

The Chatham frigat has brought into Plymouth the Margaret privateer of St. Malloes carrying 26 guns, and was one of those which took the Diamond.

Coll. Boyl, who commanded the duke of Leinster's regiment in Flanders, is dead.

Yesterday sir Basil Firebrace's maid had the good fortune to draw the 1500*l.* lott out of Mr. Neales project.

Dr. Sandcroft, late archbishop of Canterbury, lies a dyeing.

The lords are adjourned to Fryday.

This day came in a foreign packet; brings little material, only that the duke of Savoy having absolutely refused the French proposals Catinat has invested Coni.

Vessels and ships are taken up for transporting the 12 regiments that are goeing to Flanders.

Mr. Powel, the parson who married the Dutch woman, was taken up for speaking scandalous words against the government, but is since bayled.

The officers of the ordnance have contracted with the gunsmiths for 40,000 stands of small armes; and have agreed for 18.000 bombs, and as many carcasses.

The 5 flagg ships that goe with the Streights fleet are to be commanded, the 1st by sir Francis Wheeler, the 2d by vice admiral Nevill, the 3d by capt. Hobson, the 2 others by admiral Calembergh and another Dutch man.

Sunday last, being the thanksgiving day, the archbishop of York preached before their majesties, which is ordered to be printed.

Four regiments of horse are ordered for Flanders, the earl of Oxfords, lord Portlands, Mr. Zuylisteins, and another Dutch regiment.

Sir John Dorrel is chose chairman to the commitee of elections and priviledges.

A French privateer is cast away on the Irish coast; and a Dutch caper has brought into Cowes a French prize with wine.

This day the lords called over their house, and the duke of Richmond took his seat therein.

The foreign letters say, the Vaudois in the valleys of Piedmont engaged a body of 800 French, and totally routed them, killing and taking most of them prisoners.

Thursday, 16 *Nov.*—Letters from Guernsey say, the expedition squadron lay windbound there; and that they had seised a master of a vessel coming from St. Malloes with linnen, &c. who lately went from Jersey to give the French notice of their design.

Foreign letters say, the emperor has writt a very obliging letter to the pope, wherein he declares himself very averse to a peace with France.

Cardinal D'estree is at the court of Tuscany, but cannot prevail with that prince to quitt his neutrality and join with France.

From Hungary, that the states of that kingdom are assembled at Buda, and have granted a subsidy to the emperor of 2 millions of florins, and 100,000 quintalls of oates, &c.

From the Rhine, that the French king obliges the Upper and Lower Alsace to raise 12,000 men.

That the Jews at Frankfort have agreed to raise the confederates 800 horses, and 600 more are coming from Lunenburgh.

From Paris, that monsieur Chanlay is returned from Savoy, not succeeding in his negotiation.

That admiral Tourville is sick; that 36 men of war are fitting up at Thoulon; that the pope has offer'd his mediation for a peace with Savoy; that the court are contriving methods to raise money; they are taxing all persons to the 3d part of their estates.

From Holland, that the states of Brabant have granted the elector of Bavaria a subsidy of 120,000 florins.

The duke of Saxony will send 20,000 men to the Rhine next summer.

Two gentlemen have undertaken to furnish his majestie with 2000 horses in 6 weeks time.

Twenty ships lye ready at Deptford to transport 4 regiments to Flanders.

The docks and yards at Portsmouth, Chatham, &c. are to be view'd, and see what stores &c. are wanting.

Yesterday was observed as queen dowagers birthday.

The common council of London mett yesterday to consider of a bill for releif of the orphans.

Dr. Stanley, clerk of the closet to her majestie, is married to a daughter of sir Francis Pembertons.

Monsieur Bonrepos, the French ambassador in Denmark, is returning home in disgust, because the Danes quitted Ratsburgh.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that the viscount Kelseith is committed to the Talbooth.

Saturday, 18th Nov.—Our merchants have received advice of the arrival of 4 rich ships from Barbadoes at Kingsale in Ireland.

This day vice admiral Nevil and rear admiral Hobson received orders to hasten down to Portsmouth to sail with the Turky fleet, commanded by sir Francis Wheeler.

Yesterday 2 troops of the earl of Oxfords regiment of horse came to doe duty at Whitehal to releive the guards.

A Zeland caper has brought into Weymouth a French prize of 100 tunns, which he took out of a fleet of 10 sail bound to Brest.

And an Ostender has brought into Yarmouth a French prize bound home from Newfoundland.

The Diligence pacquet boat from Holland, on board of which was brigadeer Charles Churchil and other officers of note, is putt into one of the northern ports, having been at sea some time.

The lord Galloway goes to Savoy to command his majesties troops there in the room of duke Schonberg, deceased.

On Thursday the sherifs were prickt.

Last letters from Poland say their general diet would meet there the 20th of December; and the provincial diets mett the 3d instant; that their army was marcht to intercept a convoy which the Tartars were sending to Camineeck.

Turin, Nov. 4th; the duke of Savoy has received lately 100,000 crowns from Spain, which he has distributed among his officers to raise recruits.

Brussels, Nov. 18th; this citty in a body have complimented the duke of Wirtembergh upon his coming hither to reside this winter: the duke of Bavaria hath ordered a list to be taken of all the inhabitants of the flatt countrey.

Wrote from Jersey that the expedition squadron sailed thence the 9th instant.

It's discoursed that the duke of St. Albans will be captain of the band of pensioners, and the lord Dursley made secretary of state.

The house of lords have entred upon the miscariages at sea; and ordered the publick accounts of the moneys disposed of to be brought in.

A quaker master of a vessel who carryed stores to the fleet, is taken up for embezilling the same.

A great summ of money is sending hence for Savoy.

Tuesday, 21st Nov.—Mr. Blathwayt, secretary of warr, is chose member of parliament for Bath.

Yesterday a printer and several hawkers were taken into custody for printing unlicensed pamphlets, viz. a Dialogue betwixt Whig and Tory; Maximes of Almanzor, &c.

The Deptford and Crown frigats, with the merchant ships from Bilboa, the West Indies, &c. are safely arrived in the Downes.

The Diligence packet boat, thought to be lost, arrived yesterday morning at Dover; she had been near a fortnight at sea; on board her were 140 passengers, 75 of which were officers, and 17 of them colonels and lieutenant colonels; at their first coming from Holland they struck, and were 14 hours on ground; afterwards were driven by tempest and unskilfulnesse of the master within cannon shot of Dunkirk and Calais and Graveling, he beleiving it to be the English shore: they suffered much for want of provisions; and had not an Hamburgher come by accidentally, they had certainly fallen into the enemies hands.

Dr. Atherton, a physitian of Newcastle, is fined 50*l.* and his wife 200 marks in the kings bench court for words against the government.

The lord Sidney was this day made collonel of the 1st regiment of foot guards, which duke Schonberg had.

We hear by some persons lately come from Paris that 2000 persons dyed in that citty in one month for want of bread, which is sold there at 7 sous a pound.

The French cardinals and the pope have formed a new project of an accomodation betwixt France and the emperor.

Wrote from Scotland, that the lord Carmitcheal is expected to be their majesties commissioner in the general assembly of the church, which is shortly to meet there.

The English fleet next summer is to consist of 64 English capital men of war and 50 Dutch; besides 25 English and 15 Dutch that are to be in the Mediterranean to act in conjunction with the Spanish armada; besides those employed in the West Indies, and as cruizers and convoyes, &c.

A mandamus is sent down to turn out the register of the bishop of Hereford for not taking the oaths.

Foreign letters say, the pope is writing circular letters to the princes of Europe to putt a stop to this unnatural warr, and turn their whole force against the Turks.

The Dutch have seized and committed to a dungeon at Amsterdam a French incendiary, who had great numbers of libells printed to disperse, telling the people what they had lost by the war, and that the French were ready to enter Maestricht unlesse the states embrace the offered peace.

Thursday, 23 *Nov.*—Capt. Dobbins, who commanded the Diligence packet boat that was so long missing, is turned out for his unskilfullnesse.

Letters came yesterday from Weymouth of the 20th, which say, that on the 16th capt. Bembo with the expedition squadron sailed from Jersey Island (as a vessel come from thence to Weymouth brings) with a fair wind and tide for St. Mallo's; that the watchmen perceived the next night 36 flashes of fire, which they conceived to be bombs; and afterwards a continued flame, which they beleived to be the burning of that town or ships in the harbour.

One Collet, an English man, taken with the French kings commission in his pocket on board a privateer, haveing layn near a year in the marshalsea in order to be tryed as a pyrate, was yesterday bailed at the court of kings bench.

Fourteen Newcastle collyers are cast away on the Holland coast, and tis said but 7 of the men were saved.

Wrote from Paris, the French king hath banished mounsieur Acquin, his first physitian, from court, for corresponding with his enemies.

Yesterday sir Edward Ward, his majesties attorney general, was called to the house of lords, and took his place as assistant thereto.

The bishop of Munster has sent to his majestie to offer him 10,000 of his men, provided his majestie will pay them monthly subsistence, and allow him the moyety of what it would cost the king to raise them; which 'tis beleived will be accepted.

Tis said the duke of St. Albans will be made captain of the band of pensioners in room of the lord Lovelace, deceased.

Sir Wm. Scawen is elected member of parliament for Windsor, Mr. Blathwayt for Bathe, and Anthony Row for Stockbridge.

Saturday, 25 *Nov.*—In pursuance of the late proclamation against carrying corn to France, a person came to Whitehal and deposed against the master of a vessel that he had traded this 3 years with France, tho taken his cockets for Spain and Portugal, and that he has carryed thither 2 ladings of corn thither within this 4 months, and more lyes ready in the river Thames to sail again; whereon a warrant is sent to seize him.

Yesterday the 3 French regiments and col. Tiffany's being paid off, marched toward Deptford, to embark for Flanders; and money is ordered out of the exchequer to pay the other 8 regiments that are marching to embark.

Twenty vessells are gone for Ireland to load corn for the subsistence of the army in Flanders.

Letters from Cowes of the 22d sayes, that a vessel is come in there from Jersey, which reports that capt. Bembo was sailed for St. Mallo's, and that great shooting was heard there the 17th and 18th.

Yesterday two pages, the earl of Bathes and the lord Lansdownes, fought a duel, and the former killed.

Trooper Will, a notorious highway man, lately mentioned in the Gazet, was taken in Chancery lane, and committed to Newgate.

A Zealand caper of 16 guns has brought into Yarmouth a French caper of 10 guns.

From Portsmouth wrote, that the whole convoy designed for the Turky fleet is arrived there with 1200 men for sir Francis Wheeler, who has removed his flag from the Michael to the Sussex.

Yesterday the house of lords received the writ of error brought by the dutchesse of Grafton against the lord cheif justice Holt for the place of master of the kings bench office; and the cheif justice is to put in his answer next Fryday.

The great cause between the earl of Bathe and the earl of Mountague touching the duke of Albemarles estate is brought into that house.

Yesterday a boat going thro' the bridge was oversett, and 15 persons drowned.

Charles Bertie, esq. is made secretary to the cheif justice in eyre, worth 500*l.* per ann.

A complaint has been made to the council from the islands of Jersey aud Guernsey that a custome house officer has been sent among them, which ought not, but only their own people.

Tuesday, 28 *Nov.*—The house of peers have read a 2d time and committed a bill for vesting popish estates design'd for religious uses in the crown.

A purser of a ship who came in a vessel to Plymouth, and there landed, came on horseback for London, bringing with him 6000*l.* worth of rough diamonds belonging to some merchants here, saved out of an East India ship cast away, and riding over Hounslow heath was robbed of them by 6 men; and oath is made thereof before a justice of peace, in order to sue the hundred for the same.

The duke of St. Albans will be made captain of the band of pensioners in the room of the late lord Lovelace.

On Saturday sir Richard Mansel pleaded his pardon in the court of kings bench for killing a man some time since.

Sunday the queen was indisposed with a cold, and her face swelled; but she is better now.

This day came in 3 foreign mails; the most material thing they bring is, that Mr. Catinat had repass'd the Po, and put his troops into winter quarters in Susa, Pignerol, and Dauphiny, upon a discovery the duke of Savoy had made of 140 barrels of powder placed in a mine under a bastion at Coni, which was to be fired on the French army approaching there-

too; and the persons concerned in the said treachery are hanged.

We hear further from our expedition made at St. Maloes, that the fort of Quinty, which we destroyed, the French have been building this 3 years; and that we took an island adjoining theretoo, and kept it 4 dayes, and had not the tide flowed so swift to the eastward, and ebbed likewise to the westward, the town being southward of them, so that they could not fix their mortars at the head of their ships to bare, otherwise they had done greater execution; however they much damaged the town, and have demonstrated the destroying the place by sea is practicable: the prisoners we took say, the cheif inhabitants retired with their best effects, expecting a descent with land forces; that the privateers and other ships were haled a shore within the land, and were damnifyed.

It is now discoursed the earl of Bridgwater will be made secretary of state.

We hear from the West Indies that col. Loyd is dead there.

John Williams, esq. is made their majesties attorny general in Denbigh and Montgomery in Wales.

Some lords of the council are goeing into the citty to borrow money on the vote of the commons for a supply of the fleet.

From Portsmouth we hear sir Francis Wheeler rides there with his topsails loose and anchors apeak to sail with the Turky fleet the first fair wind, having received his orders last Thursday.

Mr. Butler, brother to the duke of Ormond, is to have a commission to raise a regiment of horse.

Thursday, 30 *Nov.*—We hear from Suffolk that Dr. Sandcroft, late archbishop of Canterbury, dyed there last Fryday.

Mr. Bruno Talbot, uncle to the earl of Shrewsbury, and a collonel in the late king James's army, is also dead.

Yesterday the band of pentioners waited on their new captain, the duke of St. Albans.

The last foreign letters say, that the pope had declared, if the emperor would not make a peace with France, and endeavour to restore king James, who is dispossest of his throne for his religion, he would advance no more money for carrying on the warr against the Turkes.

They say, the catholick Switz cantons have refused the Mil-

lanese to recruit their troops, unlesse they will open their trade for corn as formerly.

The foreign letters say, the imperial minister at the court of Rome makes pressing instances to the pope for supplies to carry on the war against the Turks, or otherwise his master would make a peace with the Turks, and turn all his forces against the French.

They say the emperor and the elector palatin had resolved to rebuild Heidleburgh.

Yesterday the poor of this citty presented a petition to the speaker of the commons, setting forth the extravagant price of corn, which was 11*s.* and 12*s.* a bushel, occasioned by the contrivances of the rich mealmen and others about town.

The lord keeper sitts and does businesse in Westminster Hall for the conveniency of his attending the house of lords this parliament time.

This day tryal was made of an invention of a bridge for carrying forces over a river; the king present; and it was well approved, being light of carriage: it was made by a Switz engineer.

Saturday, 2 Dec.—The lord Longford is made one of the commissioners of the great seal in Ireland in room of the late archbishop of Dublin.

Weymouth, 28th ult.; yesterday came into Portland road an English privateer, who drove a shore a French ship of considerable value near Le Hogue, and afterwards sent in his boat, and brought of all the goods, and then burnt her.

Deal, 30th ult.; this day the New Weymouth brought into the Downs a French prize, laden with sugar from the West Indies, which he took on the coast of France.

The French king has dismist all the Genoese ships taken by his men of war and privateers, first taking out of them the English and Dutch effects as prize, altho they had his passe.

There's advice by a ship from the coast of Guinea that the English have made themselves masters of the French island of Goree, so that the French have now no footing there.

The Dutch have taken into their service the Brandenburgh troops that were in the king of Spains pay; and have appointed a fast to be kept the 16th instant for the better successe of their arms and those of their allies.

Yesterday the house of peers heard the judges of the kings benches reasons for what they had done upon the tryal of the cause between the lord cheif justice Holt and the dutchesse of Grafton about the place of master of the kings bench office; and next Fryday council is to be heard on both sides at the lords barr.

The earl of Monmouth yesterday brought into the house of peers the same bill for a triennial parliament as past the last sessions, and was refused by the king, and 'tis ordered to be read again on Monday.

Turin, 10th Nov.; 1000 Spaniards and 3000 Neapolitans are arrived to recruit the troops of the Millaneze; and the duke of Savoy is raising 2000 Grisons, and is to have some troops from the German princes, so that his army will be upwards of 40,000 men next summer.

From Vienna wrote, that the emperor intended to act defensively in Hungary, and to push on the war vigorously on the Rhine; that the states of Franconia and Suabia have resolved to increase their forces to 30,000 men, and the bishop of Munster will send 12,000 men to the Rhine.

From Paris, that the late queen of England is indisposed.

The great mogul has declared warr against Portugall.

Some of the men who were with capt. Bembo in the late expedition say, the great cathedral at St. Maloes was laid in ashes, and that there were 60 peices of cannon in the fort we took; and that if we had had 10,000 men we might have taken the town.

This week William Penn the quaker held forth at the Bull and Mouth in this citty.

Tuesday, 5 *Dec.*—A master of a ship that came with exchang'd prisoners from Dunkirk brings, that 18 privateers are fitting out there to cruize on the northern coast under the command of capt. Bart; that there are 5 ships laden with corn in that port, 1 of them English; that the town is as full of English as it can contain; and they are preparing for some seige, which tis beleiv'd will be Newport.

Wm. Penn the quaker, haveing for some time absconded, and having compromised the matters against him, appears now in publick, and on Fryday last held forth at the Bull and Mouth in St. Martins.

Mr. Robert Mountague, brother to the earl of Manchester, and knight of the shire for Huntingtonshire, died yesterday morning of a feavour at his chamber in the Temple.

Mr. Fitton Gerrard, brother to the lord Brandon, is chosen member of parliament for Clithero in Lancashire, in room of Anthony Parker, deceased.

Coll. Russel is preparing to goe to his government in Barbadoes.

Our merchants have letters, that 5 English privateers have taken 8 French vessells, laden with corn, in the Baltick sea, goeing from Dantzick to Haverdegrace.

Plymouth, 1 Dec.; the 28th past, went by this port to the eastward a fleet of 40 sail of English and Dutch merchant ships under the convoy of 3 men of war, bound from Cadiz, St. Tubes, and Lisbon.

Ditto, the 29th past, arrived here the Spanish packet boat from the Groyne, which sayes, before she came away the viceroy of Galicia received an expresse from Madrid that the Spanish Plate fleet was safely arrived at Cadiz; that the Cloudesly gally had brought into the Groyne a French prize richly laden, which he took from a Sally man of war bound for France; and that 5 French men of war lay at the south cape waiting for our Newfoundland fleet.

The lord Galloway hath received his credentialls to goe ambassador to the duke of Savoy; and next week he setts forward with a considerable summ of money for the Vaudois and the French refugees, over whom he is to be generall.

All the old rais'd forces will be sent for Flanders, and the new rais'd ones are to keep guard at home till they are disciplin'd.

The regiments that embarqued lately for Flanders are, we hear, arrived safely at Ostend.

The Turky fleet continues still at Spithead waiting for a wind, and the expedition squadron are come there to refitt.

The master of the vessel from Dunkirk sayes there are 13,650 men in garison there, and that a feaver had swept away 1500 of them.

A person is seized at Harwich and another in Sussex, both come from the late king James; one by way of Flanders, the other was sett ashore by a French sloop, having several letters about them to the noted Jacobites in town.

Yesterday the sessions began at Hicks Hall, where 460 persons were returned for refusing the oaths.

The lords were yesterday upon the triennial bill, and agreed to the word *declare* after a division of 34 to 59; then they debated the word *holden* or *assembled*, and divided upon it, 43 and 43; so the bill was committed.

This day the lords were upon the lord Banbury case, and debated the judges answers in the case of the dutchesse of Grafton; but came to no resolution.

Thursday, 7 Dec.—Yesterday the house of peers were in a committee of the whole house upon the triennial bill, and agreed to the same, and ordered it to be engrossed, and to morrow it will be read a 3d time, when all the lords will be summoned to attend: there is a clause in it for the dissolution of this present parliament upon the 12th of September next at farthest, and it provides also for an annual sessions.

Orders are dispatching to the commanders of all our men of war to send an exact list of what money is due to the seamen to Michaelmas last; there's also an account ordered to be taken of what is due for naval stores, and what quantity of stock there is now remaining; as also what is due to the several docks or yards.

The 40,000 arms ordered to be gott ready, are to be delivered into the Tower by the end of February next; and armes is ordered to be prepared for 3000 horse.

A ship from Virginia brings, that coll. Copley, governor of Maryland, is dead.

Sir Levinus Bennet, knight of the shire for Cambridgeshire, is dead.

Diverse vessells are appointed to watch the sea coasts about Rumney marsh, to prevent persons goeing to and coming from France, as also the carrying wool out of the kingdom.

Tuesday last the earl of Doncaster was married to the earl of Rochesters daughter.

Last week, between Gravesend and Rochester, 5 persons robbed 9 persons, whom they killed, and afterwards robbed 2 pylots.

The general assembly in Scotland that was to have mett the 6th of this month, is by his majestie adjourned till March next.

Yarmouth, Dec. 4th; on Saturday last arrived here the earle of Argisle and several Scotch officers, who are going for Scotland to raise recruites.

A reform is intended to be made throughout England and Wales amongst the justices of peace, deputy lieutenants, and the lieutenancy of the citty of London; and circular letters are sending to the lords lieutenants to disarm papists and all that refuse the oaths; and to have a care of riotous meetings; and to get the militia in readinesse.

Saturday, 9 *Dec.*—The lords yesterday debated a blasphemous pamphlet written by a Socinian against the Trinity, and sent to some lords in a penny post letter; and it was ordered to be burnt by the common hangman.

The lords have put off the hearing between the dutchesse of Grafton and the lord cheif justice Holt for a fortnight.

Last week some highway men robbed several persons near Beconsfeild, on which the country arose and pursued them, and shott Reynolds, the cheif of them, but they carried him off, tho not likely to live.

Our merchants have this day advice, that capt. Bart with the Dunkirk privateers fell in with our Eastland fleet homeward bound with navall stores, and took the Warrington and the Milford, the two men of war their convoy, but no account yet what became of the merchant ships.

This day the sessions ended at the Old Baily: 16 received sentence of death, among which were Stacy and Gibbons, 2 highway men, and 3 persons for killing a man in Bride lane; and Dyer the news writer was convicted on 2 indictments for writing false news, and was fined 40 marks upon each, and bound to his good behaviour for a year.

Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails; the most material they bring is, that the plague rages in Turky; and that 50,000 houses were burnt down in Constantinople in the late fire there.

The sessions began at the Old Baily the 6th, and held the 7th, 8th, and 9th, where several criminalls were tryed; 25 were burnt in the hand, 3 ordered to be whipt, 16 received sentence of death, and two were fined.

Tuesday, 12*th Dec.*—Harwich, Dec. 9th; the Advice packet is arrived here with news that the Diligence packet boat in her

passage to Holland fell in with 5 Dunkirk privateers, who carried her thither, as also the Warrington and Milford, 2 small frigats, convoy to our Eastland fleet, but we hear not yet they have taken any of the merchant ships.

Capt. Bembo, with 9 men of war, is to cruize on the northern coast in order to intercept the French fleet homeward bound from the Baltick with corn and navall stores.

His majestie has been pleased to take away from admirall Killigrew his marine regiment, and also struck him and sir Ralph Delavall out of the commission of the admiralty and all other their commands; but sir George Rooke is continued in; and tis said sir Cloudesly Shovell, who still continues commissioner of the navy, will be admiral of the blew the next year.

The Greenwich frigat is damaged at Plymouth in a storm.

Dr. Lewis Atterbury in his return from London to Buckinghamshire was drown'd in the road near Newport Pagnell, the waters being out by the great raines.

The lord Baltimores daughter being lately marryed to Mr. Somerset, dyed the same day she was marryed.

Yesterday the house of peers read the first time the commons bill to disable any member to accept of any place after he is chose: they were also upon the miscarriages of the fleet, and have summoned the 3 admiralls to attend.

Foreign letters say, the French have had a review of their forces on the frontiers of the Rhine, but paid them none of their arrears, which occasions a great murmuring among them; and tis advised from Philipsburgh that they were mutinying there for want of corn.

Tis said the French king is going to raise 5 new regiments of curiassiers, and to compleat them has resolved to reduce all his troops of horse from 50 to 40 men in a troop.

200 draught horses are bought up for the service of his majestie.

We have several new privateers going to sea.

Yesterday several criminals, convicted of diveres crimes, were brought down from Newgate to the sessions house in the Old Baily, viz. 20 on London side, and 35 on Middlesex side, and upon their knees pleaded their majesties pardon, which was allowed.

Thursday, 14 *Dec.*—Prince Lewis of Baden, accompanied

with several persons of note, is expected here by Christmas to concert matters about the next campagne, and St. James's house is fitting up for him.

There is an account from Burlington Bay that 5 ships of the Eastland fleet feared to be taken by capt. Bart are putt in there.

A small ship is come into the Downes having many cannon shott in her hull: she defended herself against 3 French privateers, and saved 3 coasters laden with corn.

Thirty merchant ships are ordered to be fitted up for convoy's and cruizers.

Yesterday the house of peers debated the matter of the clerk of the peace of Middlesex between Mr. Harcourt and Mr. Fox; and their lordships were almost unanimous of opinion for Mr. Harcourt.

This day the house of peers were in a grand committee upon the commons bill disabling their members to have any places, and went thro' the same, and ordered it to be read a third time to morrow.

His majestie has ordered 5000 horses to be bought up here for draught horses, troopers, and dragoons.

A Jersey privateer has taken and carryed into Weymouth a French ship laden with wine and salt.

On Tuesday last in the evening the lord keeper and judges mett in the Temple hall, where the lord cheif justice Treby and sir John Powell of the common pleas gave their opinions for the earl of Bath in the great cause between him and the earl of Mountague and the dutchesse of Albemarle; and on Saturday the lord keeper delivered his.

Yesterday the sherifs of London and the serjeant at arms to the house of commons, with their officers, saw the common hangman burn a quantity of the blasphemous pamphlet entitled a Dialogue against the Trinity.

Sir Walter Baggot is chosen knight of the shire for Staffordshire.

A seditious pamphlet against the king is come out intitled a Reply to Dr. Welwoods Answer to King James's Declaration.

We hear that the convoy with the Eastland fleet are come safe into Burlington bay.

Saturday, 16th Dec.—The transport ships which carryed

the 4 regiments lately to Flanders, (one of which was cast away in Sole bay,) and brought over sir Bevill Granvill, who has since attended his majestie, and given him an account of the state of Flanders (*sic*).

An embargo will be laid on all shipping except the Turky fleet till the men of warr be mann'd for 1694.

Captain Bembo is come to town, and given him an account of the St. Mallo's expedition; he is ordered to sail with 9 men of war and 4 fireships into the Sound.

The lord Berkly has quitted his regiment of horse in Flanders to lieutenant coll. Wood of the same regiment, and in lieu thereof he hath admirall Killigrews marine regiment.

Wrote from Deale, that 3 Dutch men of warr, 2 English, and a fireship, are ordered to intercept capt. Barts privateers.

Yesterday, letters from Yarmouth say, that some more of the Eastland fleet were come in there, who say they left the Warrington and Milford engaged with 5 French privateers.

Last night at the committee of elections was heard the case between Mr. Rowe and Mr. Doyley for a burgeship for Stockbridge in Hampshire; and Mr. Rowe, the sitting member, carried it by 2 voices.

The lords were this day upon the cause between the dutchesse of Grafton and the lord cheif justice Holt; and adjourned the further debate till Monday.

We hear from Wickham and Marlow in Buckinghamshire that there has been tumults of the coumon people occasioned by the dearnesse of corn.

Thursday was a great hearing before the lords of the treasury touching the making of tin farthings, and it is putt off to another day.

The earl of Warwick and Holland, the lord Mountjoy, the lord Sherborn and the lord Blany, putt in for regiments of the new forces that are going to be raised: four regiments of foot, 'tis said, will be raised in Ireland; from whence, we hear, these regiments are ordered for Flanders: the lord Drogheda's, lord Cutts, coll. St. Johns, and coll. Rowes regiments of foot; coll. Woolseys regiment of horse, and coll. Ecklins regiment of dragoons.

The admirals this day attended the lords house, but were not called in.

Tuesday, 19 *Dec.*—Yesterday came in three Dutch mails, which bring from Brussells, 20th Dec., that lieutenant generall Sgravenmore of the Dutch forces is dead at Malines; that 100 Danes mett on the canall near Ghent 130 French, of whom they killed 15, and took 60 prisoners, with the losse of but 2 men.

From the Hague 'tis wrote, that the elector of Bavaria has published an order offering 300 florins to any that shal discover those that carry corn or horses to France.

We hear prince Lewis of Baden is arrived at Brussells on his way to England, the states of Franconia and Suabia having presented him with a summ of money towards bearing his charges.

The earl of Warwick is returned from Italy, and the lord Montjoy from Flanders; 'tis said each of them will have a regiment in the new levies.

Four regiments of foot, 1 of horse, and Eckhlins dragoons, are ordered hither from Ireland.

This day admiral Russell, lord Danby, lord Berkly, with most of the sea captains, went for Chatham to hold a court martial there.

Yesterday a fourth rate man of war of 60 guns, and this day a third rate of 80 guns, were launch'd at Deptford; and the next spring tide two fourth rates will also be putt on float.

Wrote from Falmouth, that of 100 Welch colliers but 27 are yet heard of, the rest feared to be cast away.

The Monk and Newcastle are come to Plymouth to advertize all ships design'd for the Mediterranean, &c. to be ready to sail when the Streights fleet passe by.

Sir Paul Ricaut, envoy at Hamburgh, has sent word that 39 French ships laden with corn from Dantzick were most of them cast away on the coast of Jutland.

The house of lords were yesterday and this day upon the cause between the dutchesse of Grafton and the lord cheif justice Holt, and are still sitting thereon.

The foreign letters from Piedmont say, the confederate forces were gone into winter quarters near Turin; that the governour of Millain had posted his troops so as to hinder the putting succours by the French into Casall; and had sent to demand 800,000 peices of money from the Genoese, upon their

drawing wool from Finall: and that the governour of Millain had desired leave of the king of Spain to be recalled, but was denyed.

Vienna, 9 Dec.; we hear from Walachia a new French ambassador is arrived at Adrianople to acquaint the Port with the progresse his masters arms had gain'd the last campagne over the confederates, assuring them of a greater diversion of the Germans upon the Rhine the next summer.

From Strasburgh wrote, that the Switzers in the French service are much dissatisfied for want of their pay.

Mr. Butler, brother to the duke of Ormond, is to raise a regiment of horse; and 'tis said sir William Waller, major Manley, and Oliver Cromwell, esq. offer to raise regiments.

The lord keeper Sommers removes this week from the Temple to Powis house in Lincolns Inn Feilds.

There is said to be printed in Frizeland a remonstrance to the proceedings of the states generall, wherein they justifye the proceedings of the prince of Frize, their stadtholder, adding, the resolution of the states general is contrary to the act of union between the 7 provinces, whereby they are obliged to doe nothing without the concurrence of the several provinces.

Edward Bernard, esq. is chosen member of parliament for Knaresborough in Yorkshire.

Eight warrants are out to take up several persons lately come from France.

Thursday, 21 *Dec.*—Yesterday morning the envoyes of Sueden and Denmark appeared at Kensington, and signified to some ministers of state that their masters had undertaken the mediatorship of a general peace, and that his most Christian majestie was desirous to conclude the same with the whole body of the confederates; they acquainted them with the conditions, viz. that the French king would relinquish most of what he had taken the late campagnes from the confederates, and the remainder shal be conformed to the treaties of Nimeghen and Westphalia; and that the interest of king James should be no obstacle, for he would treat with king William as king of England: this was not done by way of memoriall, but thought to be offered only to sound how this court stands inclined theretoo.

Yesterday 6 persons, lately condemned at the Old Baily,

were executed at Tyburn; 2 highway men, 2 housebreakers, and the two Breames (brothers) for murther.

Tis reported his majestie will raise but 2 new regiments of horse, and will raise the remainder of the quota by adding 3 new troops to the old regiments, which will be sooner done, and with lesse expence.

The affair between the lord cheif justice Holt and the dutchesse of Grafton is agreed, and her grace has withdrew her petition; she is to have 1500*l.* per ann. during his lordships life and his brothers, who executes the place, and after, she is to have the whole profits.

The cheif articles proposed for a peace between the confederates and France are, that the French king offers to restore to Spain, Roses, Urgell, and all other places taken in Catalonia since the war; and in Flanders, Mons, Namur, Charleroy, Furnes, &c.: to the prince of Leige will restore Huy, but keep Dinant, and give an equivalent for it: to the duke of Savoy will restore Susa, Montmelian, Nice, but will keep Chambery, with a garison in it, till matters are adjusted: to the emperor and the princes of the empire, Huninghen, Fort Lovis, Friburgh, Philipsburgh, Montroyal, with all other places on the Rhine, except Strasburgh: he will give the young duke of Lorrain what was stipulated for him by the treaty of Nimeghen and Westphalia, reserving onely 3 towns, for which he will give an equivalent: and as for England and Holland, he will settle a commerce, and adjust all matters, on condition they restore what was taken from him in the West Indies; and for king James, he will leave it to the confederates to doe as they think fitt: the Venetians are left out being mediators in this treaty: tis thought it will be considered of on the arrival of prince Lewis of Baden.

Yesterday 10,000 small armes were brought into the Tower.

The Spanish ambassador, who had taken a house in the Old Spring Garden and built a chappel, was ordered to remove by the king, being judged not proper to have a popish chappel so near the court.

Collonel Mathews is gone to be chosen a member of parliament for Wigan in Lancashire.

The princesse is indisposed.

Collonel Freke, collonel Norcott, and sir Arthur Chichester, stand fair for collonells in the new rais'd forces.

The Margarett, a large merchant ship, is burnt by accident at Plymouth.

Saturday, 23 *Dec.*—Yesterday the lord keeper, the two lord cheif justices, Mr. Baron Powell, &c. mett in the court of chancery at Westminster, and gave their opinions in the great cause between the earl of Bath and the dutchesse of Albemarl, in behalf of the former unanimously, touching the estate of the late duke, which the earl of Bathe claims by will; and dismissed her graces bill.

Two Midleburgh privateers have taken 9 French ships in the Sound laden with rye, and bound for Dunkirk.

The Danish envoy has given in a memorial to the king, prayeing that a book lately printed here, intitled an Account of Denmark, &c. may be supprest, which sets forth the arbitrary government of that kingdom, and by what means it came from an elective to an hereditary kingdom; and Mr. Poplar, who licensed it, was this night before the secretary in order to be prosecuted for the same.

The king has ordered the English general officers to give him a list of what commanders &c. they think proper to serve in the new levies, out of which the king will chuse the number he has occasion for.

The lord Cutts is chose knight of the shire for Cambridge, carrying it against sir Rushout Cullomb by 13 voices.

This day a French spy, one who was a querry to the French king, was seized by a messenger in the Pall Mall.

Yesterday, notwithstanding the desire of the dutchesse of Grafton to withdraw her petition, the lords debated that matter, and appointed a committee to consider of the behaviour of the judges therein, and then adjourned till Fryday.

Wrote from Turin, that the elector of Bavaria has promised to assist the duke of Savoy with 4000 men in stead of the regiment of guards which he hath recalled.

The king of Sueden by a new treaty made with Holland is to send 5000 men of his old troops to serve in Flanders the next summer.

His majestie made up the difference between the dutchesse of Grafton and the lord cheif justice Holt.

Yesterday died sir Peter Colleton, member of parliament, and one of the commissioners for taking the publick accompts.

This day the citty of London chose a new common councill, wherein the whigg interest has very much prevailed.

Tis reported the king of Sueden has resolved to join the allyes with 25,000 men the next campagne.

Tuesday, 26 *Dec.*—Yesterday came in two foreign mails, which say count Teckely is sent for by the Port to attend the grand vizier at Adrianople to be present at a council of war for carrying on matters for the next campagne.

The emperor resolves not only to augment his army in Hungary and on the Rhine, but to have them early in the feild in the spring.

Wrote from Strasburgh, that the French king has caused all the corn in Alsace to be brought into his magazines; and to number the people, to take an exact account of all serviceable men therein for the war.

The French officers sent to Switzerland to buy horses are returned with 2000 only, so that some troops must be turned into foot soldiers.

On Saturday last 20 fine horses (the worst worth 40*l.*) were seized at Deptford as they were embarquing for France, and 8 men that belonged to them were taken and brought to Whitehall; tis said they were designed for the French kings own stable.

Yesterday the duke of Northumberland carryed the sword before their majesties, and the bishop of Chichester preached before them.

On Saturday last one of the kings messengers was robbed in his return from Kensington, on which his majestie has ordered a nightly patrole.

A vessel put into Harwich sayes, the Lucas privateer is cast away on the coast of Holland, and all the men drowned.

The coyning of copper farthings is now farmed for 9000*l.* per ann. to mounsieur Pavillon and Mr. Slane; they are to have the kings effigies on one side, and the queens on the other.

The commander of the Diligence packet boat is come to Dover from Dunkirk, being taken and carried thither by two French privateers.

Thursday, 28 *Dec.*—The earl of Mountague has brought his appeal in the house of lords against the decree of the lord

keeper in the great cause between his lordship, on behalf of his lady the dutchesse of Albemarle, and the earl of Bathe.

The regiments of colonel Ingoldsby, St. George Loyd, and Hamilton, shewed this day in Hide park, and are marching to embark at the Red House for Flanders: and the rest, both horse and foot, designed from England, Scotland, and Ireland, are preparing to follow, there being few to be left in England besides the new raised men.

A French sloop landed 3 men on the coast of Sussex, but perceiving they were discovered returned again: that country watches very diligently for such persons.

The patent is past and all matters are adjusted for the coyning the new copper farthings for 7 years; the patentees are to exchange all the true tinn farthings, the counterfeit are to be lost.

The squadron of men of warr commanded by captain Bembo being joyned by 3 Dutch men of war are gone northward to meet with D'Barts squadron, who is gone to the Sound to convoy home the Dantzick fleet, and has with him 3 Danish men of warr.

We hear nothing of the Warrington and Milford frigats, so conclude they are taken by the French.

A vessel put into Kingsale sayes, the Danish and Norway coasts are full of wrecks, supposed to be part of the French corn fleet shipwrack'd there.

The 20 horses lately mentioned to be taken at Deptford are ordered to be brought into the kings stables.

Saturday, 30 *Dec.*—Hamburgh, 23d; letters from Sueden and Denmark say, the French kings ambassador's at those courts have redoubled their instances for their taking on them the mediatorship of a general peace.

Wrote from Stockholm, that the assembly of the states of Sueden have by an act conferr'd on their king an entire soveraignty.

From Copenhagen wrote, that all the Holland ships laden with naval stores in the Sound are seized on by way of reprizal for the ships taken by the Dutch privateers.

Madrid, 10th; the effects belonging to the king of Spain on board the galleons come into Cadiz are upwards of 20 millions of peices of eight. The king has resolved upon a journey

into Catalonia, and to that end the antient guards of Castile are ordered to be ready by the 7th of January.

Hague, Jan. 2d; two men of war and 7 merchants ships are arrived at Ostend from Scotland, and have brought with them a French caper of 10 guns, and a French prize laden with navall stores. This day the prince of Baden arrived here, and the states have ordered him 5 men of war to convoy him to England.

From Italy wrote, the duke of Mantua lies at the point of death; and count Caprara has orders from the emperor to seize that dutchy, if he dies, to prevent the French's doing thereof.

Last night dyed the earl of Westmorland; and the earl of Warrington is given over by his physitians.

This day the lords had the 3 admiralls before them, and askd them several questions, which they are to answer next Tuesday, to which time the lords adjourned.

This days letters from Deal and Dover say, that 9 of our men of war sent to intercept the French corn fleet, mett with them, and had brought 12 into the Downs, and were in pursuit of 30 more.

From Rome, Dec. 12th; the pope has ordered an universal jubilee for a peace in Christendom; and has had a long conference with cardinal Howard of England on the French kings having threatned to send king James to Rome to live upon his holinesse.

Vienna, Dec. 19th; the emperor has given the envoy of Savoy 100,000 florins to pay the Germans in Piedmont.

The king of Poland has rejected all proposalls of peace from the grand seignior.

The emperor's hereditary countries have resolved to raise 24,000 men.

The garison of Belgrade mutinyed for their pay, but were appeased by good words from the bassa: the grand seignior has summoned all his generalls to assist at a council of war with the mufti and preists.

Paris, 28 Dec.; 6 privateers are putt to sea from St. Maloes.

His majestie hath sent to the courts of all the neutrall princes, as Portugal, Sueden, Denmark, Rome, Venice, to mediate a peace between him and the confederates.

The Switzers have demanded the payment of their subsidies, and to stop their mouths the king has promised them to dismantle Huninghen.

The French are in great want of money, corn, and horses.

A party from Aeth have made an incursion as farr as Arras, and brought away a rich booty.

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Tuesday, 2 *Jan.*—Yesterday came in a foreign post, which brings little remarkable; the marquesse de Leganez, governour of Millain, has given liberty to the Grizons to transport 4000 measures of corn out of that dukedom, on condition they suffer 6000 Germans to march thro their country to reinforce the duke of Savoy: his highnesse is raising 7 new regiments against next campagne.

On Sunday prince Lewis of Baden arrived at Gravesend, and being indisposed did not come to Whitehal till this day, whither he came in his majesties barge about 3 in the afternoon with a small retinue; he has the late queens lodgings there; and has 40 dishes a day appointed for his table, and 12 yeomen of the guard with an usher to attend him: this night he is to be at Kensington with his majestie, designing to return in 14 dayes.

Letters from the west say, our Streights fleet are clear of the Lands End, the ships at Plymouth and other places having joined them, making in all about 150 sail.

The French have taken the Milford and Warrington frigats.

The ships lately mentioned to be brought into the Downs laden with corn prove to be Danes and Suedes, having only ballast on board, goeing to St. Tubes for salt.

There is an account from Dover that two privateers have taken 14 ships laden with corn and navall stores, being part of a fleet of 80 sail goeing for France.

About 40 persons of the sect of Molino's, persecuted at Rome for heresy, are arrived here, and releived by the quakers.

The house of lords have been all this day upon the businesse about the admiralls of the fleet the last summer.

The foreign letters say, the cham of Tartary is arrived at Adrianople to concert matters with the grand seignior for carrying on the war next year.

Ostend, Jan. 1st; some dayes since 200 French took possession of the castle of Diegem, about 2 leagues and half from hence, in order to fortifye it; but upon approach of 400 French refugees (who came from England) they quitted it, and our men are fortifyeing of it.

Letters from Turkey say, the Port were inclined to continue the war one year longer.

The Betty ketch is arrived here with 55 English prisoners from France, who are exchanged for as many French.

Thursday, 4 *Jan.*—Mr. William Freake is found out to be the author of the late heretical pamphlet printed against the Trinity, and Mr. Freeman Collins the printer thereof: they have been taken up for the same, and carried before the secretary, and are admitted to bail.

The house of lords have ordered the book to be burnt by the hand of the common hangman; and that Mr. attorney general prosecute the author and printer thereof.

On last Tuesday night a quarrel hapned at a tavern in Holborn between some Cornish gentlemen, captain Trevanion and Mr. Vermon, principalls; captain Carew and Mr. Trevanion, Mr. Rawley and Mr. Buller, their seconds: they went in the night into Red Lyon Feilds, and fought; Mr. Vermon and Mr. Buller were dangerously wounded.

We have an account that 8 more vessells laden with corn and navall stores for France are taken.

The lord mayor, on complaint of several publick houses in the outparts of the citty, that the soldiers quartered on them did not demean themselves civilly, has given orders that they be removed.

The Scotch parliament is adjourned to the 15th of March next.

One captain Davis is made collonel of the 1st company of foot guards in the room of sir Ralph Delavall.

This day their majesties came to Whitehal, and dined with the prince of Baden at the earl of Portlands: many of the nobility, as also the citty, intend to treat the prince.

Saturday, 6 *Jan.*—Deal, 4th; seven Danish ships being found light are discharged, but the rest are still detained, 18 whereof were laden with corn for Havre de Grace.

Several exchanged prisoners lately come from Brest say, the marquesse of Nesmond is putt to sea with 8 men of war to look

after our Turky and Canary fleet now goeing out, to pick up some stragling ships.

The earl of Warrington is dead; and the earl of Bedford lyes dangerously ill.

This day the king and prince Lewis went to Hampton Court; they dine to morrow with the lord chamberlayn; and next week goe to Windsor, where a chapter will be held, and his highnesse invested with the order of the garter.

The officers of the new levies have not yet their commissions, but 4 collonels of horse are nominated; the lord Lexington, lord Brandon Gerard, collonel Windsor, and major Butler, brother to the duke of Ormond.

The East India company have compleated their subscriptions of 744,000*l.*; and have agreed the matter with some interlopers lately gone out, allowing them 20*l.* per cent. for their prime cost, and one half of the profit on their return.

On Thursday the Danish ambassador brought to the councel his exceptions to several passages in the book called an Account of Denmark, reflecting on his master, which were referred to a committee to examine and report the matter.

Yesterday the house of lords had before them the 3 admiralls, and ordered them, with the lords of the admiralty, to attend them on Monday next.

Tuesday, 9 *Jan.*—The earl of Macclesfeild on Sunday last was taken with a violent fitt of vomiting, and dyed in some few hours; his son, the lord Brandon, succeeds him in his estate and honour; but his places of president of the marches of Wales and gentleman of the bedchamber are not yet disposed of.

The earl of Rivers is indisposed.

The duke of St. Albans being setled captain of the band of pentioners, is making a reform among them; has turned out Mr. Manly, clerk of the check, and reinstated Mr. Thomas; and has also restored 5 of the band that were putt out by the lord Lovelace.

Major Butler, brother to the duke of Ormond, has kist his majesties hand in order to be created earl of Arran in Ireland and baron Weston in England.

The king has made the young earl of Warrington to be lord lieutenant of Chester in room of his father.

Yesterday 300 copper shillings, newly stamped and clipped, were seized in Southwark; they wanted only washing over, and so would have passed for king Charles the First's shillings, being very neatly done.

Yesterday 3 highway men robbed the York coach, and being pursued to town, one was taken in Hatton garden, another in Fetter lane, and the third escaped.

On Sunday his majestie dined with the prince of Baden at the lord chamberlains, and this day at the duke of Ormonds.

This day the lord mayor and aldermen of London invited the prince to dine in the citty on Thursday.

The East India company have 4 great ships ready to sail for India, and will fitt out 4 more by March.

Yesterday the house of peers examined Rutter and other persons against the 3 admiralls, who were called in and made their defence, and heard also their witnesses, and are upon the same again this day, and are still sitting.

This day came in three foreign mails, which say the French are making vast preparations for their fleet next summer, designing to have 90 sail of men of war for their line of battle, 15 of which to be first and second rates: they say also, the Dutch intend to join our fleet with 60 sail of men of war for the line of battle.

On Saturday last the king, according to custome, plaid at the Groom Porters, and won 300 guineas.

The names of the 4 ships goeing for the East Indies are the Mary, 36 guns, the Nassau, 36 guns, and the other two 22 guns apeice.

The earl of Arran, son to duke Hamilton, is to be married to the lord Crews daughter.

Dartmouth, Jan. 5th; yesterday the Dutch St. Ubes fleet and other ships, about 150 sail, came before this harbour, standing westward, but this day the wind forc'd them into Torbay.

Thursday, 11 *Jan.*—The earl of Denbigh, master of the horse to the princesse of Denmark, has quitted that place, and kist his majesties hand.

The lord Colchester is to be lord lieutenant of Cheshire during the minority of the lord Warrington.

Sir James Montgomery is taken into custody for being the author of several virulent papers against the government.

The lord Wm. Pawlet, second son to the duke of Bolton, having some words with Mr. Bale of Exeter in Peters coffee house, Convent Garden, they went out and fought; and the former received two or three slight wounds.

A Dutch caper has brought into Foy in Cornwal a French prize of 70 tuns; they mett on the 30th past our Streights fleet 60 leagues west of the Lizard.

Some of our men of war have sent into Portsmouth 3 Suedes bound for France, which they took on the French coast out of 80 sail, the rest gott into Le Hogue.

The house of peers satt late yesterday upon the businesse of the admirals, and the question being putt whither the admirals who commanded the fleet last summer did well in the execution of the orders they received, and 'twas carried in the affirmative without dividing; and this day they have ordered Rutter to bring witnesses to support his credit to morrow, as also the admirals to confront him, and if he be found faulty he will be prosecuted.

The king of Poland is ill of a quartan ague; the province of Great Poland is for carrying on the warr against the Turks, and the province of Russia for making a peace.

The English and Dutch ambassadors have demanded audience of the grand seignior, but have been twice refused; count Teckely is sick at Widin.

The hereditary countries have given the emperor 775,000 florins for the war.

The bishop of Munster is to send into Flanders next campagne 8000 foot and 2500 horse.

Four merchant ships are arrived at Falmouth from Barbadoes richly laden.

De Bart with his squadron is returned into the ports of Norway for fear of our squadron, which looks out for him.

Saturday, 13 *Jan.*—Our transport ships that embarqu'd the 4 regiments are safely arrived at Ostend, and the convoy returned; they say Boufflers was making great preparations for some considerable undertaking; seems to threaten the town of Dendermond, which if he take, Brussells will be distrest for provisions and other necessaries: and that a French spy in a

boors habit was taken carrying letters to Newport; on which that garison was ordered to be changed, and fresh troops to be putt in, one third of them to be the English newly arrived.

The lords of the admiralty have advice, that the Mary gally hath taken a French privateer of 16 guns and 3 ships laden with corn, and has brought them into the Downs.

Falmouth, 8 Jan.; a Dutch caper has brought in here a French vessell laden with wine from Bourdeaux; the prisoners say, corn in the maritine towns is 16 livres a bushel, and in the inland towns double that summ; and that ordinary wine is worth near 100 crowns a tunn.

The privy council on Thursday last heard the Danish envoy's objections to some passages in a book entitled An Account of Denmark, and thereon ordered Mr. Poplar the licencer to be prosecuted for the same.

Yesterday in the house of peers 9 lords enter'd their protest against the vote of that house about the admiralls; Mr. Ruyter attended with his witnesses, but was putt off till Monday.

Their lordships addrest to the king to permit the lords of the cabinet council (who are members of that house) to give an account when the intelligence of the French fleets sayling from Brest was sent to the lords of the admiralty, and having received no answer theretoo, they adjourned in some little heat till Monday.

The lady viscountesse Stafford dyed this day.

Vienna, Jan. 3; from the frontiers of Turkey we hear that the grand vizier is much indisposed; and that Gyula is reduced to great extremities.

Hague, Jan. 5; great diligence is used in making the lines and redoubts to cover Leige.

Next week the Hamburgh company treat prince Lewis of Baden at the Sun tavern behind the Exchange.

Tuesday, 16 *Jan.*—Yesterday came in a Dutch mail; wrote from Turin, that prince Montecuculi is gone to Vienna, and will be followed by prince Eugene and general Commercy.

That the Vaudois have taken much of the French baggage as they past the mountains; and that the sicknesse rages among the French soldiers at Casal and Pigneroll.

Wrote from Vienna, that the emperor has remitted a considerable summ of money to pay off the arrears of his forces in

Piedmont; and resolves to send the duke of Savoy a reinforcement of 2000 Hungarians.

Letters from Brussells of the 17th say, all the French measures were broken by the sudden thaw; the enemy attempting to fall into the country of Waes were repulsed.

The emperor has sent an expresse to the elector of Bavaria that the Danish envoy had delivered him a project of peace, which he rejected.

Some letters say, mareschal Humieres, drawing a body of men together near Courtray, had a fall from his horse, and broke his legg.

Letters from Copenhagen say, that upwards of 50 sail, laden with corn and naval stores for France, under convoy of 9 French men of war, coming out of the Sound, were driven back by great quantities of ice, and 25 of them were cast away; the rest gott into several ports, where they are frozen up.

Fryday last sir Bevil Granville was declared collonel of the earl of Bathe's regiment of foot on his lordships resigning.

Brigadeer Villiers being lately dead, tis said his regiment will be given to the new lord Arran, brother to the duke of Ormond.

Last night John Lemot Honeywood, esq., knight of the shire for Essex, hanged himself in his garters; the cause not known.

The earl of Peterborough dyed this afternoon.

His majestie having permitted the lords of the cabinet council to lay before the house of peers what intelligence they had last summer of the French fleets being out, accordingly the lord Nottingham gave them a letter, which he received the 30th of May, which was an account of the French fleets being out about 68 sail, with above 30,000 seamen, and above 4000 guns; and this day the lords had a conference with the commons thereon.

Advices from Turky say, the Turks intend to act next campagne in 2 bodies, one in Sclavonia, the other in Transylvania; that 2 of count Teckely's officers were sent out by the governour of Temeswaer with 150 men each, one of which with his men came to Lippa, and putt himself under the emperors protection; the other party was attacked by some of that garison, and forced to retire to Gyula.

Franckfort, 12 Jan.; the states of Franconia and Suabia have agreed at Ulm to have on foot 30,000 men.

The castle of Heidlebergh is augmented to 800 men.

The troops of Saxony and Hesse are ordered to be in readinesse to march.

The misery in Alsace is not to be expressed.

Brussells, 13 Jan.; the Switz of the garisons of Mons and Namur murmur for want of pay, and refuse to mount the guards, but threatnen to lay down their arms.

His majestie has given out commissions to fill up the officers and regiments that came from the West Indies.

The 1st and 2d rate men of war will begin to be paid of next week.

Three English coyners, born in Birmingham, have been taken in Flanders, coyning and counterfeiting the king of Spains coyne, his peices of gold, and boyled to death for the same.

Proposalls have been made to the council for bringing hither 200,000 bushells of corn from Ireland, which have been bought there for 2*s.* a bushell.

Thursday, 18 *Jan.*—Last Tuesday sir James Montgomery, committed to the custody of a messenger for treasonable practices, made his escape; the two centinells that guarded the messengers door left their arms behind them and went with him; and Sutton the messenger is sent to the Gatehouse.

Captain Oake, commander of the Warrington, lately taken by Dubart, is arrived here; he left Norway the 8th instant, and sayes, the Warington and Milford were carried into Flackeren; the French gave every sailer a dollar, and the officer 4, and dismist them, but the Danes stopt the said ships being brought into a neutral port.

Yesterday the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where 3 highway men received sentence of death, a woman clipper, and other persons; one Farr for printing a libell, and Dean and Potter for sayeing they had king James's commissions, and could raise 4000 men for him in this citty, were all 3 found guilty of a misdemeanour and fined each 20 marks, and to stand in the pillory.

The house of lords have cleared captain Rutter.

Yesterday the lords were on the miscariages of the sea; and the lords of the cabinet council acquainted them they took

it for granted the admiralls had notice the French fleet were out; the lord Nottingham said it was not his province to send any thing to the admiralls, it being ordered all dispatches to the fleet should goe thro Mr. serjeant Trenchards hands; whereon the lords summoned all their members to be present this day to enquire further therein.

And their lordships were this day upon the protestation; some of the lords made against clearing the admiralls, and caused them to amend some of their reasons; and putt off the miscariages of the sea till to morrow.

The earl of Peterborough is not dead.

The cruizers that are ordered by parliament to guard our trade are appointed these several stations: one squadron to ply about Cape Clear and the Irish coast; a 2d in the Chops of the Channell; a 3d by Guernsey and Jersey; a 4th in the Downs; and a 5th northward.

Our merchants have letters of 14th of last month, which say, that on the 3d was seen from the rock at Gibralter 20 French men of war from 50 to 60 guns; and that on the 5th they were joined by 7 more, and expected 15 sail from Brest, which when joined would make 42 sail; beleived to be design'd to intercept sir Francis Wheeler.

The lord Paston, eldest son to the earl of Yarmouth, has kist the kings hand in order to his coming into favour.

Captain Glover, in one of our privateers, hath taken a French sloop and a brigantine, and carried them into Antego.

Wrote from Madrid, the catholick king is resolved to augment his troops with 9000 men.

Wrote from Frankfort, that the French had drawn together 3000 waggons upon the Rhine with a design if the frost had continued to have seized all the corn on the Rhine and the Neckar to their magazines, but the sudden thaw prevented the same.

From Turin we hear, that 36 troops of French horse are reduced to 250 troopers.

From Venice, that the doge intends to open the campagne next summer with the seige of Thebes.

From Flanders, that Boufflers is come post to Mons in order to execute some design.

Saturday, 20 *Jan.*—Wrote from Amsterdam, that they have

advice there by two Danish frigats that 42 Dutch merchant ships are stopt at Copenhagen.

Hague, the 20th; an expresse is come hither from the duke of Savoy, that brings, the bishop of Salustes has brought him from the French king new proposalls of peace, as advantageous as he could desire; but that he had return'd answer he would hearken to none but in conjunction with the allies.

The Paris Gazett sayes, above 100 Swedes and Danes laden with corn are past thro' the Downs for the several ports of France: they say also, a rich English ship is brought into Bologne by 3 Irish men from the Downs, supposed to be that carryed of by treachery, for which 300*l.* was offered in the Gazet.

Paris letters say, the French king had seized the money of a principal banker on refusing to advance him a summ of money; upon which the other bankers shutt up their shops, whereby many foreign bills are protested, and a stop is putt to trade for the present.

This day is to be a rendevouze of the seamen on board their several ships at Chatham, Portsmouth, &c., in order to be paid, and those that are absent will lose their money.

Tis said some gentlemen offer to advance 500,000*l.* to the government for a new East India company, to be established by act of parliament.

Prince Lewis of Baden has received letters, that the French have been repulsed attempting to crosse the Rhine; and that 500 horse sending by the Jewes over the ice of that river for France are stopt.

Yesterday prince Lewis was entertained at a bull and bear baiting in St. James park.

Lieutenant collonel Littleton will be made collonel of Fowlkes regiment, and lieutenant colonel Holt will have collonel Goodwins, they both dyeing in the West India expedition.

Wrote from Turin, that the new conditions the French offer the duke of Savoy to make a seperate peace are, to restore him all his countrey, 3 millions of money, and 6 tunn of gold; that 2 regiments of French perished in the snow as they past in the Alpes.

Orders are sent to Scotland for the troop of guards there, 2 regiments of dragoons, and 3 of foot, to embarque for Flanders.

Wrote from Paris, De Lorges was in disgrace for not fighting prince Lewis of Baden the last summer.

Letters from Holland say, that a Dutch squadron had fallen in with De Bart, the famous pyrate, whom they killed, and sunk his (*sic*), sunk and took 4 privateers, and several vessells with corn.

Wrote from Italy, that the plague rages violently in the French garison of Casall.

The sessions for London and Middlesex began at the Old Baily the 15th instant, and held the 16th and 17th, where several malefactors were tried: sixteen were burnt in the hand, sixteen received sentence of death, and 11 ordered to be whipt, and four or five fined, and to stand on the pillory.

Tuesday, 23 *Jan.*—On Sunday the princesse of Denmark miscarried of a dead child.

Yesterday Mr. Whiston attended by order a committee of council, and demonstrated to them how the king might reduce the price of corn to half what it is now, which was approved, and he is ordered to putt it in writing, which he did, and delivered it in to the committee of councill.

There will be a committee of trade appointed, composed of merchants, who are to enquire of the properest methods to carry on our trade.

Brigadeer Villers regiment of horse is given to brigadeer Leveson, and not to the lord Arran, as was reported; and Leveson's dragoons are given to the lord Fairfax.

All our officers here who belong to the regiments in Flanders are ordered to hasten thither.

This day the lords read the land tax the 1st time.

There is a report that captain Bembo hath taken some French ships.

Thirty colliers were cast away in the late storms on the northern coasts.

Tis said the Dutch ships under arrest at Copenhagen will quickly be discharged.

The breakiug up of the Polish diet occasions various discourses; some fear the states of that kingdome will oblige that king to accept the proposalls of peace.

Thursday, 25 *Jan.*—This day came in two foreign mails, which bring nothing remarkable; wrote from Ostend, that the

French have made several attempts on the sluyces of Newport, but were as often repulsed with losse of several men killed and taken prisoners.

Dubart is sailed from the Sound north about.

There has been in Italy the greatest frost that has hapned there this 50 years.

On Monday two new third rate men of war were launched at Chatham, one called St. Albans, and the other Prince of Baden.

Prince Lewis would not dine in the citty by reason he expects to take the right hand of my lord mayor, which his lordship would not admitt off.

On Tuesday prince Lewis went privately in a hackny coach to view this citty; and this day he dined with the earl of Devonshire, and to morrow goes with the king for Windsor.

One Bartholomew Edgar was yesterday taken into the custody of a messenger for treasonable practices, and on examination confest the same, and warrants are signed to take up those concerned therein.

Kingsale, 12th; a ship of Bristol of 18 guns from Barbadoes, and another of 60 tuns from the Canaries, lyeing in the river of Kilmore, two French privateers, near 40 guns each, seized them, and carried them off, the men getting on shore; and goeing out with them mett the Sheernesse galley, which tis feared is fallen into their hands.

This day judge Dolben dyed suddenly of an apoplectick fitt; and last night dyed the young lord Hollis of a plurisy, his estate falling to the earl of Clare.

On Tuesday night several theives broke into the house of the earl of Dover by St. James Park, and took away of plate and other goods to the value of 200*l.*

Commissions will be speedily given out for the new levies; the old forces will be drawn off for Flanders, and the new levies left here.

Commissioners are sent to the western parts to buy up 2000 horses for the kings service.

All the 1st rate ships are already come out of the docks.

There is certain account come that 50 of the French corn ships have been taken by us, and cast away.

Tuesday last a captain of collonel Hamiltons regiment was tryed for deserting his colours, but acquitted.

Wrote from Constantinople, that the caimacan is turned out, and Achmet Bassa succeeds him.

The Grissons have granted the emperor for his troops passage thro their countrey for Piedmont.

Several officers demanding their pay at Versailles received no answer, but only three of them were sent to the Bastile.

The 24th, seven criminalls were executed at Tyburn, three men and four women.

Saturday, 27 *Jan.*—Mr. secretary Trenchard has orders to prepare blank commissions for horse, foot, and dragoons.

Yesterday in the afternoon the king and prince of Baden went to Windsor, to divert themselves with hunting; they return on Monday to Kensington.

On Thursday was a hearing before the council on complaint of some gentlemen of the band of pensioners putt in by the duke of St. Albans, and those turn'd out by the lord Lovelace; in conclusion it was ordered the duke should continue the band in the same place the lord Lovelace left it.

The lord Jermin is ordered to his government of Jersey, on some intimation the French design to visit them in the spring.

Foreign letters say, the French king is sending his last offers to the duke of Savoy, that he will not only restore all his country, but conclude a match between his royal highnesses daughter and the dauphins eldest son.

This day's Irish letters say, the Bonadventure frigat came in and rescued the Sheernesse galley from the French privateers mentioned in my last; and retook the two merchant ships; and they are in pursuit of the privateers.

The lord mayor has issued out orders requiring all presse masters to carry such persons they presse within the liberties of the citty before one of the aldermen, to prevent disorders therein.

We hear from France, that 28 men of war and 10 fireships are ordered to be fitted out immediately at Thoulon on some secret design.

From Spain wrote, that his catholick majestie had resolved to increase his army in Catalonia with 9000 foot and 1500 horse, in order to act offensively: they say also, the Plate fleet was worth to his majestie 550,000 peices of eight; and the chamber of Seville had presented him also with one million of

peices of eight; and that the Spanish fleet is ordered to be refitted, to join the English squadron, to act together in the Mediterranean.

The prince of Baden has received fresh orders to hasten his return to Vienna: he intends to goe the next week.

Tis said baron Powel will succeed Mr. justice Dolben; and serjeant Wogan will succeed the baron.

The earl of Macclesfeild will be made a major general.

Great shooting has been heard at Lynn for 3 dayes successively at sea.

The canton of Berne have forbid making levies for the French in their territories on pain of death.

Tuesday 30 *Jan.*—Yesterday our merchants had advice, that sir Francis Wheeler with the Turky and Streights fleets were safely arrived at Cadiz.

Nineteen of our capitall men of war are come out of the dock at Chatham, being already equipt, and the rest are in great forwardnesse.

His majestie and the prince of Baden dined with the duke of St. Albans, near Windsor, on Saturday, and the next day his majestie returned to Kensington, where an extraordinary council was held that council; the prince of Baden staid at Windsor with the duke of Ormond, who has invited him to see the university of Oxford, of which he is chancellour.

Yesterday in the afternoon the commons attended the king in the banquetting house with their representation, who told them he'd consider of it, and desired them to attend him on Wensday morning in that place, and they shal receive his answer.

Collonel Parkers son, being newly arrived from France, is taken into custody of a messenger.

Scotch letters of the 23d say, several regiments of horse and foot were imbarquing at Leith for Flanders; and that an English frigat has brought in there a French caper of 8 guns that had been carrying provisions to the Basse.

Wrote from Plymouth, that the Groyn pacquet boat was come in there, and brought with him 3 French fishermen near Brest, who say, 20 French men of war were ready to sail out of that port; and 70 merchant ships, laden with wine and salt, would sail thence speedily for the channel; and that 20 Suedes and Danes, with naval stores and corn, were just come in there.

A new commission for the lords of the admiralty is ordered to be drawn; in which admiral Russell and sir George Rook succeed Killigrew and Delavall; the lord Berkley, sir John Houblon, and Mr. Foot Onslow, succeed sir Robert Rich, sir John Lowther, and colonel Austin: the lord Falkland and captain Preistman being the only two of the old ones that remain in.

The Irish papists have sent a petition to Whitehall, intreating his majestie not to take the rigour of the law against them by confiscating their estates to the use of the war, for then they must perish, having nothing else to live on.

Last night Mr. justice Dolben was interred in the Temple church, being accompanied to the grave by the lord keeper and the judges.

The French ambassador at the court of Denmark is treating for 12 new men of war with that crown.

To morrow is a great hearing in the house of peers in the case upon an appeal between the earls of Bathe and Mountague.

Wrote from Vienna, that several great officers are gone post for Hungary to form the seige of Gyula during the frost, which place suffers much for want of provisions.

Thursday, 1 *Febr.*—The lords begun this day to hear the great cause between the earl of Bath and the earl of Mountague, which 'tis beleiv'd will hold a week.

Mr. Norleigh, member of parliament for Okehampton, died last night of a feavour.

Divers fine horses are buying up to be presented to the prince of Baden, as also some gold repeating watches, with other curiosities; his highnesse intends to goe in a fortnight.

Mr. Villiers, a teller of the exchequer, (a place worth 1500*l.* per ann.,) dyed this morning, and the lord Fitzharding succeeds therein.

The commission for altering the lords of the admiralty is, we hear, putt off for some time.

Letters from Paris of the 31st say, that several marine officers with half pay are dismist thence in order to render themselves on board their respective ships; that 23 men of war are equipt at Brest and ready to sail towards the Mediterranean to join the Thoulon squadron, which will compose 50 men of war, besides gallyes, in order to oppose their enemies trading to

the Levant; that curriers are sent to the intendants of Normandy and Britany to repair the roads and bridges for the speedy marching 30,000 men towards the shore, beleived intended for some descent, commanded by the duke of Orleans; that the French king finding a scarcity of money has sent to Genoua to borrow 15 or 20 millions of livres at 6*l.* per cent.

A Hugonot minister is taken into custody for ill practices.

Tis said admiral Russel will be made a peer of England.

On Fryday next the Royal Charles, rebuilt, will be launched.

Tis said the late queen Mary is with child again.

Letters from Edingburgh say, the rebells in the Basse have once more hung out a white flag, and beat a parly; but the council of Scotland have ordered there shal be no treating with them till they first send out hostages.

An English caper hath taken a French ship of 100 tuns laden with wine.

The Betty, a transport ship, is arrived at Plymouth from St. Maloes with exchang'd prisoners; she sayes, the French are building well boats there; that there are but 4 privateers of that place at sea, and 4 more fitting out: that it was reported there king James was sick; that the count D'estree was in disgrace; and that the French give out they will have a fleet of 90 capital ships at sea the next summer.

Nineteen Danish and Swedish ships are cast away on the coast of Jutland.

The Dutch are fitting out 9 men of war in the Texell, and have ordered some land forces to march and goe on board them upon some secret enterprize.

Letters from Jerusalem of the 4th of November say, the plague last summer in the provinces of Palestine, Judea, Samaria, and Galatia, had swept away a million of souls, 15,000 Turks, and in the citty of Jerusalem 3000 Christians; so that the keeping of the holy sepulcher is in the hands of 45 Franciscans; and in regard of this mortality the Turk will be able to draw no assistance from those parts.

Saturday, 3 *Febr.*—Plymouth, 30th; yesterday the Greenwich frigat brought in here the Exchange of London, which she retook from a French privateer.

And this evening the Barwick frigat brought in 3 French prizes.

Falmouth, 29th; yesterday the Newport frigat came in here from St. Lucar, and sayes, he discovered on the 11th ultimo, 15 leagues off Cape Finister, a great fleet of ships, supposed to be sir Francis Wheeler; and on the 19th, about 150 leagues S. W. of Scilly, she retook a Canary ship that was taken out of Kilmore Bay.

Mr. James Whiston has been again before the council with his proposalls for abating the price of corn, wherein he offers to supply this citty with 100,000 quarters of wheat under 5*s.* a bushell if they allow convoys; which is ordered to be putt into practice.

He also renew'd his project to make his majestie sole insurer of all ships at a moderate rate, which should lye in bank at the custome house to answer the merchants losses, whereby they would save considerably, they now paying 20*l.* per cent., which his majesty might doe for 3 or 4; and then the king would be obliged to provide good convoys, otherwise he would receive a losse: this will be considered of.

Yesterday the earl of Danby went to Woollich to show prince Lewis the launching of the Royal Charles, which is rebuilt, carrying 112 guns, being 6 foot wider then before; she is called the Queen, and will be commanded this summer by sir George Rook or the earl of Danby.

200,000*l.* is brought into the exchequer on the land tax since the passing that act.

Four men of war are appointed to convoy prince Lewis to Holland, who goes hence next Monday.

The bishop of Winchester lyes dangerously ill.

Sir Edward Ascough, a member of parliament, and commissioner of the prize office, is lately dead.

The committee of elections satt late last night upon the election of a knight of the shire for Cambridge between the lord Cutts, sitting member, and sir Rushout Cullen, petitioner; and it was carried for the petitioner.

Tuesday, 6 Febr.—A Flushing caper is come into Falmouth, having taken 2 French ships homeward bound from the bank of Newfoundland; one of which he sent for Holland; the other he sold the master for a 1000 pistolls, detaining him till the ransom is paid.

St. Ives, 1st. Febr.: this day a small vessell of this place

sailed hence, but before she had been 2 leagues at sea mett with 2 French privateers, who took her, and sent her for France.

From Plymouth wrote, a French ship laden with salt was cast away in Rigbery bay.

Yesterday the lords of the admiralty had an expresse that some of our light frigats had taken 2 French privateers off Beachy in Sussex.

On Sunday the earl of Monmouth was dismist from any further attendance at court: he was one of the bedchamber, a privy counsellour, and collonel of a regiment of foot; from all which he is displaced: his regiment and place of bedchamber is given to the earl of Denbigh.

Mr. sergeant Samuel Eyres succeeds judge Dolben in the king's bench, and to morrow will be sworn.

A commission for a new lieutenancy in the citty of London is preparing, and several alterations will be made therein.

Admiral Russell is gone down to Chatham to hasten the equipping of the fleet.

Last week the captains of the Milford and Warrington were tryed by a court martial for surrendring their ships, and honourably acquitted, and they were readmitted to bigger ships.

One Mr. Edge, a gentleman of 700*l.* per ann., has cutt his throat at Newington.

The prince of Baden goes not away till to morrow.

The king has nominated three collonells of foot, viz. sir Richard Atkins, major Northcot, and collonel Smith, a relation of the lord Sidneys.

Arguments were likewise heard in the bankers case in the exchequer chamber, and have agreed to give judgment therein the 2d Tuesday in next term; Mr. sollicitor argued for the king, and Mr. Finch for the subject.

We hear from France, that all the privateers at St. Maloes are called in, and their men sent for Brest; and that they have weighed up one of our well boats that was sunk before St. Maloes; and they are building some by it; and give out they are to be imployed against Jersey.

The close of last week 7 high way men were taken near Bagshott.

This day, being the princesse of Denmark birth day, the

duke of Glocester will head his company in Hide Park; the officers have hatts and feathers, and the soldiers all red caps and 4 little drakes for cannon.

The outward bound East India ships are fallen from the Hope into the Downes.

Orders are sent to Scotland to hasten the embarquing 3 regiments of foot, 1 of dragoons, and the royal regiment of horse there for Flanders.

Thursday, 8 *Febr.*—Letters from Cork of the 27th past say, that Dr. Creagh, titular archbishop of Dublin, and the titular archbishop of Cork, (both active men for king James's interest,) are landed in that kingdom with the emperors passe, and are much resorted to by the popish gentry; they hold publick assemblies, to the disturbance of the peace: the letters say further, that the papists in Kerry began to be mutinous; that they frequently advertise the French privateers what English ships are on that coast, and both succour and revictual them on all occasions.

And this day came in letters of a fresher date from Ireland, which advise the Irish in Kerry are gott together in a body, and have broke open the prison doors, setting those therein at liberty, and have committed other disorders.

A committee for altering the lieutenancy in London is agreed upon in council, 40 of the old ones are putt out, and 34 others putt in.

Prince of Baden goes not hence till Saturday, he being indisposed.

Tuesday last 5 highway men robbed 40 persons on Bagshot heath, killed 3 horses, and carried others away.

The same day Wornall the gunsmith shott in Hyde Park 1100 yards with a pistol 14 inches barrel and hitt the mark, being a white sheet.

The Bristol frigat hath taken and brought into Leith road a French privateer of 12 guns and 80 men, in which were two persons belonging to the Basse island, goeing to king James.

Two persons are seized in the north of Scotland, just landed from France, who had divers letters from king James to several of the Highland clans.

Two persons are seized at Rye, goeing to France, having about them letters of dangerous consequence directed to king

James, and a considerable summ of gold with them, and they are bringing up.

There will be suddenly great alterations at court.

The French king hath made further offers of peace, that he will send king James to Rome, &c.

The lord Cutts regiment, sir David Collyers, collonel Hastings, and collonel Brewers regiments, are ordered forthwith for Flanders, and vessells are taken up to transport them to Ostend.

Transport ships are ordered also to Ireland to fetch over 5 regiments of foot and 2 of dragoons, and carry them to Flanders.

Our merchants are in great fear for the Jamaica fleet, which have been expected home some time.

Saturday, 10 *Febr.*—Admiral Russel is returned from visiting the fleet, and hath given the king an account it will be 3 weeks sooner at sea this year then the last.

20 men of war are equipt to goe and cruise on the French coast to gain intelligence of their posture both by sea and land.

The whole money upon the deficiency of the million act, which passed on Thursday last, was compleated this day by noon.

On Thursday last was held a great council touching the bill depending in parliament concerning the forfeited estates in Ireland, where several Irish gentlemen attended, and were called in and heard relating to the same, and 'tis said to be resolved that it should goe forwards.

This day the king nominated the earl of Macclesfeild, the new earl of Arran, and collonel Windsor, to have regiments of horse in the new levies; the earl of Denbigh and lieutenant collonel Leigh of Mathew's dragoons to have regiments of dragoons; collonel Gibson, governour of Portsmouth, major Northcot, and lieutenant collonel Farrington, to have regiments of foot.

The prince of Baden lies ill of the gout, so not certain when he will goe to Leige, to be present at the election of a prince and bishop of that place.

Letters from Scotland say, that some persons lately come from France have been taken there, with letters from king

James to the rebells in the Basse incouraging them to hold out, for that he designed to land next summer in the highlands with some forces from France.

Yesterday a French man came and satt in the house of commons some time, till being taken notice of, he was taken into custody of the serjeant at armes attending that house.

Brigadeer Steward is goeing for Ireland to hasten the embarquing the forces designed thence for Ireland.

The officers of our army here have received orders to prepare to goe for Flanders.

Tis said 10,000 English will be sent to the Rhine next summer to act under the command of prince Lewis.

There is great discourse that the French have drawn 20 or 30,000 men down towards the seacoasts of Normandy and Brittany; tis beleived they have some design to make a diversion upon us either at Jersey, Ireland, or Scotland.

The commotion in Ireland is stopt, and the ringleaders taken and hanged.

Sir Francis Wheeler with the Turky fleet is certainly arrived at Cadiz.

Tuesday, 13 *Febr.*—By captain Gath of the duke of Boltons West India regiment, lately taken on board the Diamond frigat, we have an account from St. Maloes that some French privateers had lately taken 11 or 12 English West India ships.

The Beeston merchant of 300 tunns is arrived at Galloway from the West Indies.

This day the king came to the house of peers and heard the arguments in the case between the earls of Mountague and Bathe about the duke of Albemarles estate.

The prince of Baden took his leave of the king, and embarks to morrow for Holland.

Mr. Freke, author of the late libell against the Trinity, has pleaded not guilty to an information for the same, and will be tryed upon the same next term.

Lord Sidney, master of the ordnance, has orders forthwith to prepare a great train of artillery.

The grand fleet will speedily be paid off for last summers service, in order to rendevouze in the Downes the latter end of next month.

The king designs for Flanders the latter end of next month.

There has been lately two great councills here relating to the affairs of Ireland, particularly about calling a new parliament there, and tis said to be resolved to have a new one about April next.

Sir Ralph Ashton is chosen knight of the shire for Lancacashire in the room of the new earl of Macclesfeild.

The Adventure frigat with the Monk gave chace off the coast of Wales to 3 French privateers, who had with them the Elizabeth of Bristoll and a Guinea ship; the last had on board 80lb. weight of gold; they retook the Elizabeth, and are in pursuit of the other.

By the Swift, a merchant ship arrived at Portsmouth, we have an account of 15 of our homeward bound merchant ships from Jamaica and Barbadoes falling in with some French frigats, who took the same, as also the China merchant, richly laden, from the East Indies.

There is advice of 7 new Danish men of war having past thro the channel to France, being 3d rate men of 64 guns each, bought up for the French king in Denmark.

Sir Thomas Lane, sir Stephen Evance, sir Henry Furnace, and others, are putt into the lieutenancy of London.

Sir Theophilus Oglethorp is gone for France.

Thursday, 15 *Febr.*—Foreign letters say, mounsieur D'avaux, the French envoy in Sweden, still presses that king to mediate a general peace, who refuses to intermeddle therewith, until the French king restore things to the posture they were in by the treaties of Westphalia and Munster.

From Paris wrote, that sir James Montgomery was arrived there from England, and had audience of king James; they say no forces are sending to Normandy, as was reported; and that marshal D'Humieres was dead of an apoplexy.

Last night the prince of Baden lay at Gravesend, and on his departure gave 1000 guineas to the kings servants that attended him.

Tis now again discoursed that the earl of Shrewsbury will succeed the lord Nottingham as secretary of state.

Thirty ships, laden with corn from the north, are come into the river of Thames.

Some dayes since one Clarke and Thompson were taken on the Kentish coast endeavouring to goe for France, having about

them papers of dangerous consequence, and are bringing hither to be examined.

Yesterday the house of peers were on the great cause of the earls of Bath and Mountague; several debates were thereon, and 'tis like to be some time before it will be determined.

Sir John Lowther, vice chamberlain to the king, has laid down his gold key last night upon his own desire, in order to retire into the countrey.

The commission for the new lieutenancy is brought into the citty, and will be opened in 3 or 4 dayes.

The designs which the French are said to have on Jersey are vanished: the ships which they gave out to be for that expedition are gone to the West Indies.

Tis thought a parliament will suddenly be called in Ireland.

The Dutch having stopt several Danish ships by way of reprizall for those stopt in the Sound, 'tis beleiv'd this may occasion a rupture.

Saturday, 17 *Febr.*—The flagg officers of our fleet are now setled for the next summers service; viz. Mr. Russel, admiral of the red; lord Berkley, vice admiral; and captain Mitchel, rear admiral; of the blew, sir George Rooke, admirall, collonel Aylmer, viceadmiral, and the lord Danby, rear admiral.

A flushing privateer arrived at Dartmouth sayes, 2 other flushing privateers carried into St. Sebastians 3 rich French ships homeward bound from the West Indies, and a French fly boat of 400 tunn, laden with naval stores, and 70 peices of brasse cannon, goeing from Rochfort to Brest.

On Wensday night 3 highway men broke out of Newgate and made their escape.

The king of Sueden has ratifyed a treaty of peace and commerce with the states general.

The lords having been several dayes upon the cause between the earls of Bathe and Mountague about the duke of Albemarle's estate, this night gave judgment for the lord of Bathe; yeas 32, noes 29.

Rear admiral Mitchel is cruizing with a squadron of our men of war on the French coast.

Mr. Borchett is made secretary to admiral Russell.

Letters from Paris say, that the duke of Luxemburgh will

command on the Rhine the next campagne; and that they have 9000 sick men in their hospitalls.

The clergy of Millain have given the king of Spain 100,000 crowns towards the charge of the warr.

The emperor hath issued 300,000 rixdollars to recruit his army in Piedmont.

Letters from France say, that 100 vessells, laden with corn for the service of the French king in Lower Brittany, perished in the river Loyre; and that his majestie had sent orders to his ministers at the courts of Rome, Denmark, and Sueden, to thank those potentates for their mediation off'red for a general peace, but that since the confederates had refused it, he thought himself no longer obliged to make other overtures.

It is beleived the king of Sueden will after all declare for the confederates, unlesse the French speedily make a peace pursuant to the treaties of Westphalia and Nimmeghen.

Tuesday, 20th Febr.—Sunday night a dreadful fire broke out in Nicholas lane in Lumbardstreet, which was very violent for the time: some persons were burnt, and others wounded by the fall of some buildings: it was extinguished after it had burnt 7 houses: the same night was two lesser fires, one in Milk street, and the other in So Ho, but did little damage.

Mr. Peregrine Bertie, second son to the earl of Lindsey, has the gold key given him, and is made vicechamberlain to the king in the room of sir John Lowther.

Wrote from Falmouth, that rear admiral Mitchel was with 20 men of warr passed by that port to the westward, to meet our homeward bound West India fleet.

Saturday last one Bromfeild, a quaker, was seized in Rumney marsh with several horses, which he was sending to France.

Yesterday near 1000 arms were seized in Pickadilly, and are sent to the Tower, and the people of the house are secured.

Two of our frigats on the northern coast have taken 2 French privateers, one of 10, the other of 12 guns.

Mr. serjeant Eyres is at last made judge of the kings bench in Mr. justice Dolbins room.

Yesterday the order to affirm the decree for the earl of Bathe in the house of lords being read over, the lord Notting-

ham made a motion to suspend entring the same, for that there might be some salvo to the earl of Mountague to try the validity of the deed again at law, and 'twas deferred to this day, when the lord Mountague petitioned the house of peers for a rehearing, and their lordships have ordered presidents to be searched, and reported on Fryday.

The new lieutenancy of London satt this day and open'd their commission.

Mr. serjeant Tremain is dead.

Yesterday the lord keeper dismist the earl of Thanets bill, which he brought in the court of chancery against the earl of Clare, about the duke of Newcastles estate.

The countesse dowager of Yarmouth dyed on Fryday last.

A regulation will be made in the lieutenancy and justices of peace throughout England.

Orders are given for buyeing up a great many horses for the new levies, and recruit the regiments now on foot.

Letters from Paris say, that king was resolved to have an army of 100,000 men in Flanders the next campagne, whereof 30,000 to be horse; another army of 70,000 on the Rhine, whereof 20,000 horse; another army in Piedmont of 50,000, whereof 12,000 horse; and an army of 16,000 in Catalonia, whereof 4000 are horse.

100 ships laden with corn are expected from Ireland.

Mr. Hambden, vicechancellor of the exchequer, has laid down that place.

Thursday, 22 *Febr.*—Colonel Earls regiment, which hath been at Plymouth these 2 years, is marched thence to Portsmouth to embarque for Flanders.

Dr. Royse, chaplain to the archbishop of Canterbury, is made dean of Bristoll in room of Dr. Levett, deceased; and Dr. Hammond of Magdalen colledge in Oxford, succeeds Dr. Lovett in place of master of Magdalen hall.

Lieutenant colonel Manwayring, of brigadeer Churchills regiment, dyed on Tuesday of an apoplexy; he was a good officer, and sent for out of Flanders to be preferred.

The sessions began yesterday at the Old Baily, where parson Dallion, the French minister, who preached a treasonable sermon, was tryed for his life, and acquitted, there being but one positive witnesse against him.

Tuesday a troop of dragoons brought 5 prisoners to town, viz. Parker, Brown, Sanders, Cooper, and Bromfeild, that were all seized on the Kentish coast goeing for France; the 2 latter are quakers, who being on board an owler, and the master beleiving one of them to be sir James Montgomery, discovered them for the sake of the 500*l.* reward.

Wrote from Ireland, that 6 ships from Jamaica and 3 from Barbadoes are arrived at Kingsale, and the Virginia fleet is hourly expected.

This day Mr. serjeant Eyre was sworn before the lord keeper Judge in Mr. justice Dolbens room; and Mr. serjeant Gold is sworn kings serjeant in sir John Tremains room.

The earl of Thanet is bringing an appeal in the house of peers against the decree made by the lord keeper in favour of the earl of Clare.

This day the lords read the treason bill the first time: it was moved to throw it out, but the further debate was adjourned till Monday.

The tanners, shoemakers, &c. are preparing a petition to present to the house of commons against the duty upon leather.

Mr. John Smith, parliament man in Devonshire, and Mr. William Palmes in Yorkshire, will very speedily be made lords commissioners of the treasury.

The Danish envoy here has received advice that there is great appearance of [that] the difference between his master and the states generall will be amicably reconciled; and that his Danish majestie will send next campagne to Flanders 5000 of his veterane troops into the service of the king of Great Brittain, besides recruits for the 7000 which have been in his service some time.

A reinforcement of men of war and some bomb ketches will be sent to join sir Francis Wheeler at Cadiz, which makes us beleive there is a design to attack some town in the Mediterranean belonging to the French.

His majestie hath conferred the honour of knighthood on Mr. serjeant Gold.

We hear the princesse of Denmark is reconciled to the queen.

The marquesse of Caermarthen 'tis said will lay down.

Four bills are transmitted hither from Ireland to be approved by our councill here, in order to their being offered to the next parliament there; one of them is a money bill.

Saturday, 24 *Febr.*—This day came in 3 foreign mails, the last of 2d of March, new stile, which say, the chapter of Leige had recalled 2 banisht cannons, and denyed the cardinal of Bovillon a passe port to assist at the election of a prince and bishop of that see, the choice of whom is putt off till the 20th of April next.

Mr. Catinat is gone from Versailles to Piedmont.

The Dutch letters confirm the arrival of sir Francis Wheeler at Cadiz; and having intelligence that 6 men of war were off the Cape, he had sent a squadron of men of war to look after them.

By some French, taken by a Dutch caper in a boat out of the very mouth of St. Maloes, we hear the French will have no grand fleet at sea this summer in the Channel, but design to divide their Brest ships into several small squadrons to interrupt our trade, and seize our merchant ships.

Fresh orders are sent to Scotland and Ireland to hasten the forces that are goeing thence for Flanders; and a great quantity of ammunition, arms, &c. have been sent from the Tower to our fleet, on which they work day and night to gett it out.

The king has signed the establishment for the 2 marine regiments, whereby they are to have subsistence, &c. as other troops, and are ordered to be recruited.

A great reform is made in the justices of peace of Middlesex, 24 being left out, and 22 new ones putt in; and the like will be done in other counties of England.

Sir Charles Barington is chose knight of the shire for Essex in the room of Mr. Honeywood, deceased.

The Josiah, a ship of 600 tunns, richly laden from Jamaica, is arrived in the Downs.

Letters from Ireland say, that the tower of Limrick in that kingdom, being old, fell down, and the clattering together of the stones gave fire to the magazine of powder there, which was 250 barrells, which blowing up destroyed great part of that citty, kill'd 100 persons, some of them persons of note, and wounded many.

The house of peers came this day to a further resolve in the

cause between the earls of Bath and Mountague, and dismist the latters petition for a rehearing by two voices, 30 being for the former, and 28 for the latter.

Two noted highway men were taken in Essex, and committed to Chelmsford goal.

Bromfeild the quaker, lately taken, has confest he has sent 300 horses to France.

The earl of Denbigh and collonel Leet have received their commissions to raise 2 regiments of dragoons.

Collonel Earl succeeds the earl of Bathe as governour of Plymouth.

Collonel Cunninghams dragoons are to come and doe duty at Whitehal, all the old troops in the 3 kingdoms being to be sent to Flanders.

Our grand fleet is in a manner ready, wanting only a few men.

The king of Sueden has undertaken to be mediator between the king of Denmark and the states generall.

His majestie hath declared he intends to goe for Flanders the latter end of March.

The earl of Bathe is removed from being lord lieutenant of Cornwall and Devonshire; Mr. Hugh Boscawen succeeds in the former, and the earl of Bedford in the latter.

Tuesday, 27 *Febr.*—On Thursday last the lord Jermyn attended the king, and gave him an account that the French are making great preparations at St. Malloes, 6000 men being already come there, and more expected, which gave great jealousie to the islands of Jersey and Guernsey (whereof he is governour) that the design is against them; upon which a committee of council is ordered to sitt to consider of wayes to secure the said islands, and several gentlemen that have estates there are summoned to attend.

Yesterday was held a special court of admiralty and of oyer and terminer at the Marshalsea in Southwark, being composed of the lords of the admiralty, judges, privy counsellers, and doctors of the civill law, to try several of his majesties subjects taken on board French privateers with king James's commissions; 9 of them are convicted, and sentenc'd to be hanged, tho the opinion of Dr. Oldis was against it.

This day came in a foreign mail, which brings, that doge

Morosini was dead at Napoli du Romania; as also count Horne in Holland.

From Cales, that several rich ships are lately arrived there with store of bullion, which had fall'n the price 10*l.* per cent.

The dauphin commands the next year in Germany; and under him 2 mareschalls, 10 lieutenant and 12 major generalls: they say, 12,000 French are drawing together near Rhinfeld, which alarams that place.

They say, that if the chapter of Leige doe not grant passeports to cardinall Bouillon and others to assist at election of a bishop of that place, Luxemburgh, with 70,000 men, will come thither to disturb their choice.

Letters from Cadiz say, that the John from Jamaica and 16 others are come in there, but their convoy, the Mordant, was lost on a rock near Cubeck.

The island of Jamaica is sickly, the governour Beestons daughter, with several of his servants, being dead there since his arrival: the French land frequently on that island in the night, and carry away 40 or 50 negroes at a time.

Sir Thomas Samwell, member of parliament for Northampton, is dead of the small pox.

His majestie was yesterday a considerable time in the house of peers, to hear the debates upon the bill for regulating tryals in cases of treason, which after 3 hours they threw it out without dividing.

Seventeen English and Dutch merchants ships have been taken by the French since 1st of this month, one a Dutch ship of 36 guns, with gold dust from Guinea.

Letters from France say, that several persons had been found dead in the streets of Paris and other places, having perished thro famine.

The 21st instant began the sessions at the Old Baily, and held the 22d and the 23d; where several criminals were tryed, of which 15 received sentence of death; 2 of them women, for clipping, to be burnt; 21 were burnt in the hand; 7 ordered to be whipt; others fined, and to stand in the pillory: and the next sessions is ordered to begin on Tuesday the 17th of April next.

Thursday, 1 *March*.—Foreign letters say, the English consul at Copenhagen has delivered the king of Denmark a pressing

memorial for the speedy releasing the Dutch ships stopt in the Sound, least matters should come to a rupture.

Captain De Bart is arrived at Dunkirk with his squadron, and several ships laden with corn.

The Paris Gazet sayes, a French man of war hath taken on the coast of Portugall a Spanish vessell worth 250,000 crowns, and burnt an English ship of 16 guns under Cape Roza; and that since the 9th of February 130 ships, laden with corn, are come into the several ports of that kingdom.

Sir Charles Scarborough, physitian to the royal family, dyed on Tuesday last.

Some of the persons convicted lately for pyracy will be hanged at Execution Dock on Saturday next.

Colonel Nicholson has now his dispatches, and is hastning over to his government of Maryland; as is also colonel Russell to his of Barbadoes.

This day was discovered at the custome house 100 casks of Nantz brandy putt into vessells of tarr, and brought from Stockholm.

Yesterday was a court martial at Whitehal, where a captain and a lieutenant of collonel Coys regiment were tryed for false musters, and the matter being proved, 'tis beleived they will be casheered.

Yesterday 7 malefactors were executed at Tyburn.

Sir Francis Wheeler has writ to the lords of the admiralty for a reinforcement of men of war on advice that the French design to intercept him in his return from the Levant.

Colonel Venners, colonel Earls, the lord Cutts, and sir David Colliers regiments are ordered forthwith to embarque for Flanders, where the king of England will have an army of 60,000 men of his own subjects the next campagne.

Colonel Courthope has a commission to raise a regiment in Ireland.

The lords this day read and committed the bill for continueing the act for punishing mutineers and deserters.

Foreign letters say, the confederates are forming an army between the Moselle and the Meuse to consist of 20,000 men.

Letters from Paris say, Mr. Catinat hath positive orders to putt succours into Cassall, and not to beseige Coni, as formerly said.

Saturday, 3 March.—His majestie has been pleased to make the earl of Shrewsbury secretary of state in the room of the lord Nottingham, and yesterday morning had the seals of the office delivered him: he has made Mr. Frazier licenser of the presse.

Wrote from Falmouth, that the Pembroke, a frigat of 28 guns, after she had fought 2 French men of war for several hours, and having lost all her masts, was forced to run herself aground about a league from the Lizard, where she dasht in peices, but all her men except 2 were saved.

Yesterday 4 highway men attempted to robb 2 malsters near Ware, who being well armed and mounted, after the exchange of several pistolls, pursued the rogues to London, and took 3 of them, 2 of which was Glover and his man Plummers in Fetter lane.

The earl of Danby hath orders to putt to sea with a squadron of men of war to carry men and necessaries to Jersey and Guernsey, and after to gain intelligence on the French coast.

All officers here belonging to the army in Flanders have orders to hasten to their respective commands.

Captain Golding and 3 others condemned for pyracy are to be executed at Rotherhith on Monday next.

Wrote from Scotland, that the 14 men of the Basse who seized a bark, the weather being tempestuous, were forced into Dundee, and there made their escape to the Highlands.

A parliament in Ireland will be called to sitt there the middle of May next.

Two Dutch privateers have brought into Dartmouth a French privateer of 16 guns.

Wrote from Rome, that cardinal Tourbin in an audience of the pope proposed a subsidy for king James of 30,000 crowns.

Wrote from Scotland, that there are but 5 men now left in the Basse, and 'tis said the council have resolved to make another attempt upon that island.

Tuesday, 6 March.—Plymouth 2d, yesterday 3 Dutch men of war being astern of admiral Mitchel, a ship with English colours came and hall'd them, asking whence they were, who answered from Amsterdam, the other said from Whitehall; but the supposed English ship coming near pour'd in a

broad side on one of the Dutch, and killed and wounded 30 of his men, and immediately shear'd off; it is beleived to be the Diamond frigat taken last year by the French.

Dublin, 28th; the lord Capell is recovered of his late indisposition: tis discoursed sir Cyrill Wych will be made lord chancellor in sir Charles Porters room; and that the lord Coningsby will be removed from the place of paymaster to the forces there.

Yesterday morning captain Golding with 2 others were executed near Redriffe stairs, being condemned for pyracy.

Sir Richard Atkins of Buckinghamshire is to have a regiment of foot in the new levies.

A certain account is now come, that Debart, with 7 frigats and 30 ships, laden with corn and naval stores, arrived at Dunkirk the 1st instant.

A person come from Normandy sayes, the French are making great preparations there for some secret design, and have taken up several vessells, and that they talkt of king James coming amongst them on that coast the beginning of May.

The lord Shrewsbury hath made Mr. Vernon and Mr. Poulteney his under secretaries.

Mr. secretary Trenchard 'tis reported will goe with the king to Flanders.

This day the lord keeper, with the lords of the treasury, went into the citty to borrow 2 or 300,000*l.* on the credit of the land tax, and the common council promised to effect the same.

The duke of Ormonds troop of guards is preparing to goe for Flanders.

Wrote from Scotland, that the council there have ordered 2 ships, with wool packs and other materialls, to be fitted up in order to attack the Basse island, and that some of the regular troops goe on board for that end.

Two high way men were lately taken in Newgate street.

Wrote from Falmouth, that on the 1st instant the Spanish Allyance packet boat sailed thence, and soon after they saw her engaged with a French privateer: they say also, the small arms belonging to the Pembroke were saved, and did not doubt to secure her guns also.

There is a discourse that the lord Marlborough will come

into play again, and be a general in Flanders: tis also said the earl of Bedford will be created duke of Newcastle, and the marquesse of Caermarthen duke of Pomfret.

His majestie goes in a few dayes to Portsmouth.

Tis said the lord Falkland, Hugh Boscawen, and admirall Russell will be made peers of this realm.

Thursday, 8 *March*.—Captain Dubart being slipt into Dunkirk with 7 men of war, 3 fireships, and 32 merchant ships, with corn and navall stores, captain Gother, who commanded our squadron of 11 men of war, who were sent to intercept them, is summoned up hither to justifye his conduct therein.

On Tuesday last admiral Russel introduced sir Clowdesly Shovell to the king, and kist his hand, and 'tis said will be employed this summer at sea.

This day his majestie dined at the earl of Bedfords, with the earls of Mulgrave, Devon, Shrewsbury, &c.; to morrow night he lyes at the lady Russells house near Winchester, from whence he goes to view Portsmouth and the Isle of Weight, &c.

The duke of Glocester is indisposed with an ague.

Wrote from Bristoll, that the Primrose brigantine from Barbadoes was arrived there, and brings advice that an English frigat had taken and brought into that port a rich French ship of 200 tuns homeward bound from Martineco; and that about 40 leagues from Scilly he saw a Dutch caper take two French prizes of 60 tuns each.

The East India company have advice that the Berkly Castle is arrived near the Lands End on her way home from India.

Last night the lord Lucas caused 150 seamen to be prest in the Tower Hamlets for his majesties service.

This morning the 4 other persons condemned for pyracy were executed, 3 of them dying papists.

The earl of Macclesfeild will admitt no person to be entertained as a trooper in his regiment who hath a family; nor any officer who hath not some experience in military affairs; nor any horse to passe muster under 15*l.* price.

Saturday, 10 *March*.—His majestie went to Winchester yesterday morning, and took with him sir Christopher Wren to survey the house there, in order to goe on with building that which was begun by king Charles the 2d; but goes not to Portsmouth nor the Isle of Weight, but returns on Tuesday.

The 7th, came into the Downs admirall Mitchel with his squadron from cruizing on the French coast: there are now in the Downs 20 men of war and 18 merchant ships outward bound.

Wrote from Plymouth, that the Boyne, Deptford, and Mary gally, with 97 sail of merchant ships, bound for the East and West Indies, &c., sailed thence the 5th to the westward; and the men of war have orders to join sir Francis Wheeler in the Mediterranean.

A Spanish man of war of 30 guns has taken an Algerine man of war of 40 guns, and carried him into Naples.

The lords have flung out the bill for merchants ensurers.

The 4 pyrates said to be executed have obtained a reprieue.

The lord Mohun is made captain of a troop of horse in lord Macclesfeilds regiment.

The earls of Shrewsbury, Dorsett, Sunderland, and Portland, went with his majestie to Winchester.

Three trunks belonging to the late queen Mary were lately seized in Shoe lane, in which were chenea and other fine things.

The Berkley Castle homeward bound from the East Indies is arrived on the coast of Ireland, and 4 more are expected.

Several privateers are fitting up here to be ready to putt to sea as soon as the bill for encouraging them, now depending in parliament, is past.

Brigadeer Churchill is made a major generall.

Tuesday, 13 *March*.—Wrote from Plymouth, that the America Merchant is arrived there from Jamaica, whence she came in company of 16 sail, but was seperated from them in bad weather.

Two Dutch capers have brought in there a French prize of 100 tuns and 10 guns.

Forty cruizers are now fitting out, being merchant ships taken up for the kings use, and to have the following stations: 9 off Cape Clear, 12 in the Chops of the Channel, 8 between Jersey and Guernsey, and the rest northward.

The countesse dowager of Portland died lately.

Admiral Russel is gone down to the Nore to hasten out our fleet.

Talleys are struck in the exchequer for 200,000*l.*

Mr. Perkins and Mr. Brewer are brought to town from Cardiffe under custody of a messenger for sending corn and horses to France.

The lord Spencer, eldest son to the earl of Sunderland, is to marry a daughter of the earl of Portlands.

The earl of Macclesfeild goes with his majestie to Flanders as a major general, and the earl of Warwick and lord Mohun as volunteers.

A petition is carrying on by the handycrafts men here against the bill for a general naturalization.

The lords have read the orphans bill the 1st time, and ordered it a 2d reading.

His majestie is expected to morrow from Winchester.

The French give out they will open the next campagne with the seige of Coni in Savoy and Leige in Flanders.

Wrote from Scotland, that a French frigat was arrived at the Basse with men and necessaries.

Foreign letters say, the emperor will have an army of 56,000 in Hungary next campagne, but that 'twas feared the Poles would make a seperate peace with the Turks, they having sent an envoy to Adrianople to treat thereon.

They say the French are making great preparations on the Saar for a seige.

The pope, at the instance of the cardinal de Fourbin, has wrote to the chapter of Leige to deferr their election.

Captain Parker and Bromfeild the quaker are still in custody; 'tis said the latter will be tryed next sessions for high treason.

Thursday, 15 *March.*—A draught of 10 men out of each company of foot guards is making to goe for Flanders to recruit the guards there.

All our great ships are falling down from Blackstakes to the Nore, where they will be paid of.

Great summs of money are remitting over hither from Holland to putt in on the lottery and the fund project.

Advice is from Cadiz, that sir Francis Wheeler, having received a present of fresh provisions and wine from the governour there, was sailing for the Levant with the merchant ships under his command.

Yesterday came in a foreign mail, which sayes, the pope had recommended to the chapter of Leige to make choice of cardinal Furstembergh for their bishop.

A great many of the Danish nobility are gone to serve as volunteers in the French army.

The king of Denmark is equipping his fleet, but the design not known.

The differences between the states of Holland and those of Frizeland are amicably adjusted.

The French have mark'd out a camp between Spere and Newstadt, whither their troops from Lorrain and the Saar are ordered to march.

Seven regiments are expected here from Ireland, in order to goe for Flanders.

The emperor has taken 13,000 Swedes into his service.

Wrote from France, that mounsieur Tourville is to goe with 25 men of war from Brest to the Mediterranean, to command there; and mounsieur Chasteau Renaud commands on the ocean.

Admiral Shovell is goeing admiral into the Mediterranean with 36 men of warr.

Saturday, 17 *March.*—Yesterday our merchants had advice that 75 sail of West India ships and other merchant ships were discovered making into that port, but the lords of the admiralty have no advice thereof.

Captain Gother, commander of the Royal Catherine, a 2d rate man of war, who was sent with a squadron to prevent Dubarts getting into Dunkirk, is ordered to be tryed by a council of war for his not performing the same: and the lord Berkley is going to the Nore to be president thereof.

The Germoon spy boat being come in, bringeth, that 20 men of war are ready to sail from Brest to join the fleet in the Mediterranean.

Tis generally reported, that sir Cloudesly Shovel, with a squadron of 25 men of war, English and Dutch, will be sent to join sir Francis Wheeler, which, with the Spanish armado, will compose a fleet of 60 men of warr.

Yesterday the new lieutenancy of this citty satt the 1st time, and elected the 6 collonels, viz. the lord mayor, sir Patience Ward, sir Thomas Lane, sir Robert Clayton, sir Thomas

Stamp, and sir Francis Child; and ordered that no vintner or alehousekeeper should be captain, lieutenant, ensign, or serjeant, in the citty train bands.

Admiral Russel is returned from the fleet, which is in great forwardnesse.

Sixty four new peices of brasse cannon are cast, and 40 of them are mounted on cariages, to compose part of the train for Flanders.

This day the lords read the orphans bill a 2d time.

The lords, upon an appeal to them by the bishop of Exeter against Mr. Hele, have reversed the judgment given at law against the bishop.

Colonel Russel has gott leave to carry a regiment of foot with him to Barbadoes; that island are to be at the charge of transporting them, but after their arrival they are to be paid out of the kings revenue.

Tis said the customes of the West India and Virginia fleet will be worth to his majestie 200,000*l.*, and the seamen will compleatly man our fleet.

The duke of Ormonds troop of guards are to attend his majestie to Flanders.

The king of Denmark will have a fleet of 25 men of warr at sea by the 15th of Aprill.

The ship Elizabeth is sailed from Plymouth to St. Maloes with 140 French prisoners.

Wrote from Scotland, that the council there have prohibited the importation of Irish corn and cattle.

Wrote from Paris, that the dauphin begins his journey for Germany the 1st of May.

Tuesday, 20 *March.*—Letters from Scotland say, the chancellor there hath adjourned that parliament to the 15th of June next.

On Saturday the countesse dowager of Portland was interred in Westminster Abbey; a pention of 1000*l.* per ann. which she had is devolved to the crown, and the rest of her estate to the duke of Norfolk.

On Saturday last a new ship of 60 guns was launched at Deptford called the Mountague.

The arrival of the Virginia fleet proves a mistake, there being only one come in from thence, who came out in company

of 80 sail, but was seperated from them by bad weather after 3 dayes sail, leaving them 100 leagues from the Cape.

The Greyhound Dogger is putt into Cowes, being retaken as the French were carrying her into St. Maloes.

Three of the kings ships are sailing from the Downs to convoy the Scotch forces to Flanders.

The lords yesterday threw out the bill for the more equall distribution of bankrupts estates.

The lords yesterday rejected the merchants petition against layeing 4*s.* a tunn upon wine in the orphans bill; and have heard council as to the convex lights.

There is a person arrived here from Germany with 2000*l.* to buy horses for the emperor.

Wrote from Italy, that some German forces are come into the territories of Genoa, and live at discretion till the contributions are setled.

The princesse of Denmark is indisposed.

Yesterday the common council of London agreed upon an addresse to his majestie to thank him for altering the lieutenancy of London.

There is a report that the queen of Spain hath miscarried.

The emperor hath writt to the chapter of Leige on behalf of the prince of Newburgh, great master of the Teutonick order; but 'tis said the dean of that place, an inveterate enemy to France, stands the fairest: tis said an earthquake hath been lately felt in that citty.

Collonel Cunninghams regiment, as they were marching out of Scotland into England, mutinied, and several of them were killed.

The Dutch have released some of the Danish ships they lately seized.

Thursday, 22 *March.*—On Tuesday major Ingram of Chelsea colledge dyed.

Mr. Toby Rustick, a courtier of 80 years old, and formerly housekeeper of Hampton Court, was yesterday carried thro this citty in order to be buried at Cambridge.

The regiments of colonel Coy, brigadeer Villars, and Mathews dragoons, will be shipt off next week for Flanders.

The French have sent 40 ships, laden with provisions and

ammunition, to the West Indies, under the convoy of 4 men of war; and the French prisoners say, that 8 men of war are gone out of Brest to intercept our homeward bound Virginia fleet.

Four of our bishops have had a consultation by his majesties order with 4 ministers of state of Scotland to consider whither it would be for his majesties interest to have the general assembly sitt at Edinburgh the 29th instant, and having given their opinion in the affirmative, the lord Caermitchael, president thereof, is gone post with ample instructions.

A person lately arrived here from France, who passed thro' the maritime towns there, and sayes, their privateers are called in, and the men are putting on board their men of war, and Mr. Tourville is come to Brest to hasten out the same.

The lords yesterday past the orphans bill without amendments, and this day read the salt bill a 2d time, and it will be ready for the royal assent to morrow.

This day came an account from Kingsale, that the Sheernesse gally was come in there disabled, having been engaged with a French man of war, many of which lye on that coast to meet with our Virginia fleet.

The French have made new proposalls to the Dutch for a seperate peace, but they have rejected the same.

Saturday, 24 *March*.—Sir Thomas Wetherley, president of the colledge of physitians, aged about 80 years, is dead; as is sir Ralph Box, and sir Peter Colleton, member of parliament for Bossiney in Cornwall.

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Tuesday, 27 *March*.—His majestie went yesterday to Greenwich, and dined with the earl of Dorset, and afterward rode to Blackheath, where he viewed collonel Coys and colonel Villers regiments of horse, and colonel Mathews dragoons, which are now embarquing for Flanders; he also viewed the train of artillery, and the officers belonging theretoo, designed for Flanders.

Yesterday morning an expresse arrived from Deal that 49 sail of the Virginia fleet were come safe into the Downs under convoy of 2 men of war, having lost but one of their number, which was unfortunately blown up by a shot from a French

privateer, whom they afterwards took, and brought in with them: the remainder of the fleet are putt into several western ports, to which they belong.

Letters from Ireland say, that the Elizabeth and Ann were arrived at Kingsale from Barbados, and the Portsmouth from Jamaica; but say nothing of the Berkley Castle being come from India, nor of admiral Hobson with the homeward bound Cales fleet.

Yesterday they began to bring in money on the million lottery, and there is about 40,000*l.* already brought in; Mr. Neal is register thereof, and is to have 4 clerks there.

His majestie hath nominated the lord Montjoy and collonel Courthop to be collonells of 2 new regiments to be raised in Ireland.

Sir Benjamin Thoroughgood, alderman of this citty, dyed last night; and Mr. Swinfen of Staffordshire is also dead.

The late stormy weather has occasioned several wrecks on our coast; a great Portugeese ship was cast away near Plymouth, 30,000*l.* value; another great ship off of Dartmouth; and all the men lost.

Last night captain Southby, secretary to sir Francis Wheeler, being left ashore at Gibralter, arrived here with a melancholly account that sir Francis Wheeler on the 19th of February mett with so violent a storm or hurricane near Gibralter, that the following ships were lost; viz. the Sussex sunk, a 3d rate man of war of 80 guns, with sir Francis Wheeler himself, and all the men lost but 2 negros; the Cambridge, a man of war, lost, but of her men saved (*sic*); the Lumley Castle lost, and half her men; the Serpent, a bomb ship, the Mary ketch and William ketch, both tenders, cast away; the Great George, with her captain and 90 men, lost; the Aleppo Factor lost all her men but 3, both bound for Scanderoon; the Italian Merchant cast away, and the Berkshire lost, with all her men, both bound for Smyrna; the Golden Frigat lost, and all her men but 3; the William for Leghorn cast away, all her men saved but the doctor: the Dutch also lost 3 great merchant ships, and 3 men of war were staved.

Thursday, 29 *March.*—The king yesterday declared he would be goeing for Flanders by the 14th of next month, and ordered his equipage to be gott ready accordingly.

Captain Gothur has been tryed at the council of war for suffering Dubarts squadron to gett into Dunkirk; he was found so faulty that he is suspended during pleasure.

Brigadeer Levesons regiment of horse and lord Fairfax's dragoons drawing up in Holborn to march for Deptford, in order to embarque for Flanders, the former demanded their arrears; some of them were cutt by their officers, and one killed; but the duke of Ormond came, and gave them assurance they should be paid before embarquing; whereon they marched away.

The late losse of our merchants hapned by the sad accident to our Turky fleet is computed at 400,000*l.*, since which they have shutt up their shops and warehouses from vending any Turky commodities, and silk is risen 8*s.* per lb.

Mr. Bromford, Turner, Coffin, and Bodington, 4 young merchants, came ashore alive on a wreck, having been from Monday to Fryday beating on the sea without sustenance; 'tis computed we have lost 1200 seamen.

Sir John Mathews, merchant of this citty, and formerly consul in Spain, is lately dead.

Saturday, 31 *March.*—A gentleman is arrived here from Ostend from the duke of Bavaria to hasten the transportation of our forces to Flanders, the enemy beginning to move in seperate bodies: they give out the French king is suddenly expected to undertake some enterprize.

Edingburgh, 24; 150 men being shipt off in the west for Flanders, they mutinyed, bound the master and seamen, and putt out to sea; but a storm arising, they were forced ashore near Galway, where they were secured.

Those letters also say, that captain Middleton, under sentence of death, as one who came out of the Basse, was convoy'd by some officers towards that place, to endeavour to dispose his brother, who was governour thereof, to surrender the same, and then he will have his pardon.

The 200,000*l.* lately borrowed of the citty is now paid into the exchequer; there is also 140,000*l.* brought in upon the million lottery bill.

The line of battle for next summer is fixt, and is to consist of English men of war 52; viz. 7 1st rates, 8 2d rates, 33 3d rates, and 4 4th rates; and 36 Dutch men of warr and 12

bomb ketches are to attend them, commanded by engineer Richards.

The Mary yatch is ready in the river to attend the king to Holland, who will be convoyed by 12 men of war under the lord Berkly; the king intends to see the fleet before he goes, which will be about a fortnight hence.

This day there is advice the French privateers have taken the Barbarella pacquet boat between Holland and Harwich.

Tuesday, 3 *April*.—On Sunday came in 3 foreign mails; the 4th packet boat, after 5 hours fight, was taken and carried into Dunkirk; on board of which was a good booty, as 11 bales of silk, &c.; among the passengers was Mr. Cox, his majesties envoy to Switzerland.

Tis said the Danish envoy at the dyet of Ratisbon has again declared, that if the confederates will forthwith enter into a treaty of peace, the French king will acknowledge William prince of Orange king of Great Brittain, &c., and treat with him as such, but not after the last of May; upon refusal he will goe in person at head of one of his armys, the dauphin at another, to force them theretoo; and his grand fleet in the Mediterranean shall attack some of the Spanish ports in Catalonia.

Yesterday the court of verge satt at Westminster, where 2 bills were found against sir Henry Colt and Mr. Lake son to the late bishop of Chichester, for drawing blood of each other in St. James Park, and are to be tryed the 31st of May.

Yesterday a new 3d rate man of war was launched at Deptford, and many more are in great forwardnesse.

Edingburgh, 27th ult.; captain Middleton, having left hostages for his return, is come from the Basse, and says, his brother, the governour, declares, that being intrusted therewith he cannot surrender it; but has wrote to the council to respit his execution till he hears from king James: that merchant Trotter, for corresponding with those in the Bass, is executed.

Mr. serjeant Belwood dyed at York assizes.

Yesterday the lords past the saltpeter bill without amendments.

One Wake, a highway man, was this day pursued into Red Lyon Feilds, sett his back against a wall, and faced the con-

stable and mobb; he shott the former, and wounded others, but was at last taken, and sent to Newgate.

Thursday, 5 Aprill.—The lord Lexington is named to goe envoy extraordinary to Vienna.

Two dispatches are sent to our fleet at Cadiz, one by way of the Groyn, the other by long sea, the subject matter not known.

All our great ships are to be at their rendevouze in the Downs the 15th instant.

The king, upon hearing the proceedings against captain Gothur, has restored him to his command.

The money upon the lottery bill comes in apace; the goldsmiths appointed to receive it have paid in about 175,000*l.*, and have 50,000 more in their hands.

The merchants give 30*l.* per cent. insurance on the Berkly Castle, having not heard lately of her.

A Swedish ship come into Plymouth sayes, a large French privateer was come into Havre de Grace disabled in fight with 2 English ships, one supposed to be the Rebecca, the other the Berkly Castle.

Tis feared some of collonel Wynns dragoons are cast away in their passage from Ireland, several of their caps being found a shore.

Yesterday the peers threw out the hawkers and pedlars [bill]; and this day they adjourned till Monday.

The foreign post yesterday come in sayes, the French, with 20,000 men, was marched to beseige Barcelona in Catalonia.

Saturday, 7 Aprill.—Bromfeild the quaker, lately taken goeing for France, who was ordered to be tryed for sending horses thither, &c., has made his escape out of the messengers hands.

Wrote from Chester, that captain Wynn, lieutenant Drury, with 14 dragoons, and 23 horses of collonel Wynns regiment, are cast away coming from Ireland, and there are three other transport ships wanting.

Admiral Aylmer is made one of the commissioners of the navy.

The Elizabeth transport ship is arrived at Weymouth with 237 marines from St. Maloes, being the crews of several late taken merchant ships.

This day a gentleman came post from Falmouth, who sayes,

they have advice there that the Berkley Castle, a rich ship from India, after an obstinate fight, was taken by a French man of war of 60 guns, who took out her best goods to the value of 50,000*l.*, and then the ship sunk.

Seventy brasse cannon were this week shipt at Woollich for Flanders.

Mr. Smart, a woollen draper, in Lumbard street, is chose alderman in room of sir Benjamin Thoroughgood, deceased.

Letters from York say, a great fire has hapned in that citty, and burnt down a whole street.

Wrote from Sussex, that a French sloop landed 3 men on that coast, one of which was seized, and bringing up; the other two gott to the vessell again, and putt to sea; and 2 others are taken by one of our frigats coming from France.

There is 226,800*l.* already paid into the exchequer on the lottery bill, besides what is in the goldsmiths hands.

Tuesday, 10 *Aprill.*—The discourse of the losse of the Berkly Castle being only grounded on the mariners report who came from St. Maloes to Falmouth, and the merchants having heard nothing more of it, they hope she is safe, and gone about by Scotland.

Admiral Hobson is come safe into the Downs with the Cadiz fleet, which are very rich, the custome whereof is computed at 200,000*l.*: they have a great quantity of bullion on board, and the Dutch have with them a considerable summ for the elector of Bavaria.

A duel was yesterday fought between one Mr. Lawes and Mr. Wilson in Bloomsbury square; the latter was killed upon the spott, and the other is sent to Newgate; 'tis that Mr. Wilson who for some years past hath made a great figure, living at rate of 4000*l.* per ann., without any visible estate; and the several gentlemen who kept him company, and endeavoured to find out his way of living, could never effect it.

The lord Newburgh dyed on Fryday last in the countrey.

This day the king viewed in Hide Park the lord Portlands regiment of horse, and afterwards went to Blackheath to see other troops before they embarque for Flanders.

There is above 200,000*l.* brought into the exchequer upon the lottery act, the exchequer being open these holidays to receive the same.

The election of a prince and bishop of Leige commences this day; the great dean or the master of the Teutonick order stand the fairest; the French partizans oppose them, and are rather for the elector of Cologne.

The agent to the duke of Ormonds troop of guards, one Mr. Cowper, is gone aside, and hath carried with him 2000*l.* in money belonging to the troop.

The earl of Portlands regiment of horse embarques forthwith for Flanders; and those lately come from Ireland are to march crosse the countrey in order to embarque at Yarmouth for Ostend.

Tis said there is on board the Cales fleet 50 millions of peices of eight, besides other valuable commodities.

Wrote from Paris, they are fitting out at Thoulon 25 men of war, 15 frigats, and 6 fireships; that mareschal Catinat is gone to Nice, which gives a jealousy to Final; that several troops quartered in Savoy were march'd to Catalonia; and that they are laying up great magazines at Bayonne in order to make some great attempt upon Spain; that they intend to act upon the defensive in Piedmont.

The French give out the Turks will have an army of 160,000 men in Hungary this campagne.

On Monday last the Adventure frigat came into Kingsale much shatter'd in her hulk and rigging, having 2 dayes before fought the Diamond frigat, which had both more and better guns, with many more seamen; however, she was much damaged with their granadoes, and being the better sailer, gott off with the losse of 6 men.

On Saturday last was launched at Portsmouth a new ship of 30 guns, called the Newport; and about 9 dayes hence will be launched at Plymouth a new 4th rate of 56 guns.

It is beleived the French will beseige Aeth.

Colonel Russell goes the close of this week with his regiment to Barbadoes.

Thursday, 12 *Aprill.*—The king and council, on report of the lords of the treasury, have resolved to grant letters patents &c. for 5 years for coyning halfpence and farthings to sir John Lowther, Mr. Clark, and the marquesse D'Mompovillon, for which they are to pay the crown 4000*l.* per ann., and to change all the true ones that have the right stamp; they are

to be coyned of English copper, each pound weight to make 22*d.*

Our merchants are in hopes the Berkly Castle is safe, because the ship which engaged [the French man of war and sunk near Brest was the London homeward bound from Jamaica.

This day the duke of Ormonds troop of guards embark'd for Flanders, as did also the lord Portlands regiment of horse.

The kings journey for Holland is fixt for this day fortnight.

The equipage of general Tolmach and other great officers is gone on board; and a great many volunteers are preparing to attend his majestie.

Sir George Rooke, on board the Grafton, is in the Downs with 28 men of war and 6 fireships.

A quo warranto is bringing against the town of Caermarthen for not performing the will of Dr. Pritchard, who left 1000*l.* to build a free school and other charitable uses, and made the magistrates of the said town trustees to see the will executed, who never did it.

Yesterday advice came to Whitehal from the Lands End, that 20 great ships, supposed to be French men of war, were seen in the Chops of the Channel, whereon several orders were dispatcht to our fleet: but this day we have an account that the said ships were our homeward bound Canary fleet.

Sir Clowdesly Shovel lately fought a duel with the commander of the Hampton Court, and slightly wounded.

Our merchants have advice, that some of the goods on board the Turky ships, lately cast away, are saved, among which are 400 bales of cloth.

Wrote from Scotland, that the council there have, by order from the king, discharged all persons under bail or in prison for not taking the oaths, they having given security to live peaceably.

Saturday, 14 *Aprill.*—His majesty hath nominated 4 collonels for the regiments that are to be new raised, and remain in Ireland, viz. the lord Montjoy, the lord Charlemont, collonel Courthope, and sir Richard Atkins; the three former to raise their men there, and the latter his here, and to goe with them thither: Mr. Murray, who behaved himself so valiantly at

Londonderry, is to be lieutenant collonel to the lord Charlemont.

Yesterday all the gunners, &c., belonging to the train of artillery, marcht out of the Tower to imbarque for Flanders; his majesties horses and equipage are gone aboard, and all things preparing for his departure the 23d instant.

The lady Diana Vere, only daughter to the earl of Oxford, is to be marryed to the duke of St. Albans.

We have advice, that all our great ships are arrived in the Downs from the Buoy in the Nore, and that most of the Dutch capital ships are gott over the Pampus, and will be here the 1st easterly wind.

The lord Sidney is to reside this summer at Dover Castle.

There is above 400,000*l.* brought in upon the lottery bill.

Foreign letters say, that the French king is resolved to make himself master of all the ports in Catalonia, where he intends to keep diverse sail of men of war in order to keep the English and Dutch out of the Levant trade.

On Thursday last the Canary fleet, consisting of 21 sail, arrived in the Downs, under the convoy of the Portland, the Swiftsure, and Medway, and have on board 6000 pipes of Canary for the port of London.

All the brasse guns round the Tower will be taken down and cast into mortars.

An officer belonging to colonel Ingoldsby's regiment, newly arrived from Flanders, sayes, the duke of Wirtembergh had taken 4000 loaves of the Frenches goeing to Courtray, each valued at 4 souses, and but 2 ounces weight.

Tuesday, 17 *April.*—Yesterday came in 3 foreign mails, which confirm the losse of the Berkly Castle; she was taken by a French man of war, commanded by mounsieur Renault, after an obstinate fight, wherein the French had 48 men kill'd and wounded.

Letters from Leige say, the cardinal de Bovillon sent several messages with new proposalls from the French king, in order to deferr the election of a prince and bishop thereof, which was not hearkened theretoo; the election began the 20th, and the majority of votes fell between the elector of Cologne and the grand master of the Teutonick order; and this afternoon there is advice the elector of Cologne carried it by one voice.

Foreign letters say the queen of Spain has miscarried.

The republick of Genoua not agreing to pay a duty on salt to the king of Spain, the governour of Millain has seized all their effects in Italy, and the like is done in Naples and Sicily.

The French make great preparations, as if they designed to beseige some place; upon which the troops of the allies have orders to march by the 22d.

The king has ordered sir George Rooke, admiral of the blew, to come on shore; and the lord Berkly was this day sworn admiral of the same, and sir Clowdesly Shovell vice admiral of the red.

There are 37 English and 7 Dutch men of warr in the Downs, 10 fireships, and 37 victuallers.

Foreign letters say, the confederates upon the Rhine are going to form a camp of 10,000 men near Hailbron, until the grand army take the feild; and that the French begin to encamp about Neustadt.

Paris; the French king hath given among the poor of this citty 100,000 florins: they say, their preparations for the seige of Barcelona are carried on with great vigour, and the troops for that service are drawing together.

There is 430,000*l.* brought in upon the lottery bill.

Wrote from Barbado's, that 15 merchant ships are arrived there from London.

Wrote from Smyrna, that 12 French men of war are to join the grand seigniors fleet this summer to act against the Venetians; and that the malecontents in Arabia threaten to attack Babylon with 100,000 men.

The earl of Danby is sailed with his squadron from Spithead to St. Hellens.

A French man of war is cast away on the coast of Barbary.

Sixty French deserters came to Mentz in one day.

The earl of Stamford is to be made one of the lords of the treasury in the room of sir Edward Seymor.

Thursday, 19 *April*.—Letters from Falmouth say, that the Spanish Allyance pacquet boat was arrived there in 6 dayes from the Groyne, by which we have advice that the men of war and merchant ships sailed out of the storm, rendevouzing at Gibralter; admiral Nevill called a council of war, composed

of the captains of the kings ships, whose result was to return to Cadiz; but a 2d being held, consisting of them and the captains of the merchant men, they were of opinion to pursue their voyage; after which a 3d was held, where the Dutch admiral Calemburgh protesting against their goeing forward, they all returned to Cadiz, expecting further orders: they add, that all those ships who stood to sea in the storm were saved: that the Shandois was refitted, and all the goods of the Italian merchant and Aleppo factor taken up; that the ships bound for Allicant and Barcelona pursued their voyage, and were safely arrived, narrowing missing count D'estrees, who is abroad with 20 ships in the Streights.

Mr. Albian Chayre dyed on Monday last of an apoplexy.

Twenty eight French privateers are gone out of Dunkirk northward, and have already taken some of our corn ships.

This day the king took a view of colonel Cunninghams and sir Thomas Levingstons dragoons in Hide Park, being too regiments lately come from Scotland; they made a fine show, especially the latter, who were all mounted on gray and white horses, and new clothed, and are more like troopers then dragoons.

The duke of St. Albans is married to the lady Diana Vere.

This day the lords read the first time the bill for taking the publick accompts, as also the tonnage bill: they had great debates on the latter, what might be the consequence of this bank, and adjourned the further consideration thereof till Monday.

Captain Lawes, who kill'd Mr. Wilson, was this day convicted of murder.

This day came in a foreign maile, which confirms the elector of Cologne being chosen prince and bishop of Leige; but sayes, that the next day the grand dean held another chapter, pretending the proceedings were irregular, and brought over some of the electors votes for the master of the Teutonick order, who carried it by 2 voices, which tis feared may occasion heats among the confederates.

Saturday, 21 *Aprill.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail, which brings from Paris, that the seige of Mentz was resolved on in order to draw prince Lewis from the advantageous post he was in last year near Hailbron, to force him to a battle, in

order to which the best of the French forces are to be in Germany, and Catinat's gens d'armes will be at Strasburgh by 23d of May.

They say also, that the French kings ague is turned to a tertian, and that his physitians advise him to keep his bed during his fitt.

This day came advice, that the duke of Ormonds troop and the earl of Portlands regiment of horse are safely landed in Holland.

Wrote from Yarmouth, that the French privateers much infest that coast; that great shooting was heard off there the 17th and 18th; and that several of our transport ships in their return from Flanders have been taken by the French privateers.

Portsmouth, 19th; two men of war more have joined the earl of Danby's squadron at St. Hellens, which makes the same 13 sayl.

Ten 1st and 2d rates, 17 thirds, and seven 4th rate men of war, besides Dutch, are sailed from the Downs to their rendevouze at Spithead.

There is near 600,000*l.* brought in upon the million lottery bill.

Last night the earl of Warwick wounded a hackney coachman in 3 several places, and thereon was secured.

Last night the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where 5 only received sentence of death, Mr. Lawes for killing Mr. Wilson, one for a rape, and 3 for clipping and coyning.

The hackny coachmens wives and widdowes have for some time past crouded the house of commons in great numbers, clamouring much against the bill for regulating of them.

The two marine regiments are ordered to have 115 men in each company thereof.

Foreign letters bring those from France say, the price of corn increases every market day by reason of its scarcenesse, which occasions great clamours among the people; that Mr. D'Bart is made a knight of the order of St. Andrew for his good service in bringing home the corn out of Norway safe; that they intend to act only on the defensive in Piedmont, but to push on vigorously on the Rhine and in Catalonia; in the former to beseige Mayence, and in the latter to fall on Fontarabia: that

the lord Stafford there at St. Germains hath married a daughter of count Gramont.

Brussells, 18th; 90 of our men mett a French party of 80, and killed 4, wounded 8, and took 63 prisoners.

Hague, 20th; the French endeavour all they can to engage the duke of Savoy to a seperate peace.

Edingburgh; wrote from thence that some disorders have been committed by reason of the impressing men in that kingdom.

Kingsale, 8th; the Adventure frigat having been much shatter'd in the engagement she had with the Diamond, is refitted again, and will sail very speedily.

Weymouth, 16th; yesterday a Portugeeze ship of 10 guns and 20 men, 160 tunns, laden with 326 pipes and 46 hogsheads of port wine, with oranges and lemons, &c., was cast away off Portland; 'tis hop'd some of the goods may be saved.

Harwich; a new third rate ship will be launched here, called the Ipswich; 3 French privateers lye at anchor in the mouth of this harbour, so that a ship cannot stirr thereabout.

A vessel arrived from the coast of Guinea brings advice that 8 or 9 French men of war are there, and have fallen upon the English factories there; and taken Gambo and Goar; retaken Senigat, and were going to attack the rest; so that the actions of that company fell this day 28*l.* per cent.

Mr. Tourville is arrived at Thoulon, being to command the fleet there.

The election of the prince of Leige is not setled; the elector of Cologne had it; but the grand dean, finding heat and disorder, adjourned the chapter till next day, and retired with 22 capitularies, and the next day, being the 21st, joined his party with that of the prince of Newburgh, and elected him: so the decision thereof is left to the pope and the emperor.

The Dutch squadron is arrived on the back of the Goodwin sands.

The French capers have lately taken 12 ships laden with corn.

The French took out of the Berkly Castle above 150,000*l.* before she sunk.

Carall in Piedmont is blocked up with 12,000 men.

Tuesday, 24 *Aprill.*—The lords being to read the tonnage

bill a 2d time, summoned all their members about town to attend, and a great debate was upon the bank setled therein; the marques of Hallifax, earles of Nottingham, Rochester, Monmouth, &c. argued against the same; the lord president inclined to their reasons, but thought the necessity of passing it at this time overcame the inconveniencies that might accrue thereby; so the question was putt for the bank to be part of the said bill; yeas 42, noes 30: all the bishops, but the archbishop of Canterbury, was against it; and this day their lordships passed the same without amendments.

His majestie comes to morrow to the house to passe what bills are ready, and to putt an end to the sessions; and in the evening sets forwards for Flanders, the guards being gone before.

The East India company have received the ill news of their ship the Charles the 2d, captain Dorrel being commander, to be burnt in her return with all her cargo.

A camp is marking out near Portsmouth for several 1000 of soldiers, who are to embarque on board the grand fleet for some attempt on the French coast.

The earl of Shrewsbury 'tis said will be made knight of the garter in the room of duke Hamilton, deceased.

Scotch letters say, the general assembly had taken the report from the committee for setling the episcopal clergy in their former benefices upon taking the oathes; and after, adjourned to 1st of Aprill next.

The sessions of peace for the citty of London and county of Middlesex began at the Old Baily on the 18th instant, (where several criminalls were tried,) and held the 19th and 20th: 5 persons received sentence of death, whereof one was Mr. Lawe for killing Mr. Wilson, and 3 for clipping and coyning; 21 were burnt in the hand, 1 ordered into their majesties service, and 1 to be transported.

Thursday, 26 *April*.—We hear his majestie before he went ordered the cabinet council to her majestie to be the archbishop of Canterbury, the lord keeper, lord Caermarthen, earl of Pembroke, lord Godolphin, and the two secretaries of state: several other alterations are made: the lord Falkland to be made an English peer, and to goe ambassador to Holland or Spain: admiral Russel, sir George Rooke, and sir John Hou-

blon are made commissioners of the admiralty in the room of the lord Falkland, Killigrew, and sir Ralph Delavall: Mr. Hambden and sir Edward Seymor are out of being commissioners of the treasury; the former will be made an English baron, and sir William Trumball, and John Smith, esq., of Hampshire, succeed them; and Mr. Charles Mountague is to be chancellor of the exchequer: sir Richard Temple and sir John Worden, commissioners of the customes, will be out; and Mr. Chadwick, son in law to the archbishop of Canterbury, and sir Walter Young, and Mr. Edward Clarke of Taunton, come in: and some other alterations will be made in the excise.

A warrant lyes ready to passe a patent for creating the lord Shrewsbury a duke: Mr. Henry Herbert of Worcestershire will be made lord Herbert of Cherbury; Mr. Boscawen, a baron; the lord Caermarthen, duke of Pontfract; lord Bedford, duke of Bedford; lord Devonshire, duke of Newcastle; lord Clare, duke of Clarence; lord Mulgrave, a marquesse.

Mr. Hopkins, a barister of the Temple, will be made secretary with Mr. Bridgman to secretary Trenchard.

The lord Howard of Escrick dyed last week at York.

Sir Thomas Duppa, usher of the black rodd, is also dead; and Fleetwood Shepherd, esq., who was this day knighted, succeeds him therein.

The wind being contrary, his majestie returned this evening to Kensington.

The Scotch regiment of dragoons, quartered in Southwark, mutinyed for want of their arrears; but being paid part, returned quietly to their quarters, and are preparing to embarque.

The Danish envoy hath delivered to his majestie a new project of peace from the French king, wherein he offers to restore Strasburgh, and dismantle Luxemburgh, and desires a place of treaty may be made.

Our merchants have advice that the East India ship, called Charles the 2d, is safe, and not burnt, as was mentioned in the last.

All the regiments expected from Ireland are arrived, except part of collonel Winns dragoons.

The late lord cheif justice Herbert and several others from

France, sollicit for passes to come for England, being weary of staying in France.

Rear admiral Mitchel, in the Lyon, with the Oxford, and 5 other men of war, convoys his majestie to Holland.

Foreign letters from Poland say there had been a fight between a detachment of the Poles and a party of Tartars, who were convoying some provisions and ammunition to Camineek; therein the latter were routed, and had 1000 men killed, and many taken prisoners, with 400 laden horses and camells.

The duke of Mantua has received an imperial garison into his capitall citty.

The king of England refuses to treat with the French about a peace, until some cautionary towns are delivered into the confederates hands.

The Dutch and Danish ships will be released the 3d of May.

The Samuel and Henry hath taken a French caper of 22 guns, and brought [her] into Yarmouth.

The earl of Monmouths regiment is given to his brother, captain Henry Mordant.

The French king this summer will reside at Metz in Lorrain.

Yesterday two of the condemned criminalls were executed at Tyburn, a woman for clipping, and a man for a robbery and a rape.

Saturday, 28th April.—Letters from Edinburgh say, that the Basse is surrendered upon these terms; viz. the garison, consisting of about 24, have liberty to goe where they please, and to have 200*l.* sterling to bear their charges; such as are under sentence of death for corresponding with them to be pardoned; and if any French putt in there before they hear of the surrender, they are to have liberty to goe away.

A detachment of the foot guards are marching to encamp near Portsmouth, where in a little time there will be 10,000 men; the horse to be commanded by duke Schonberg, and the foot by general Talmash, but what expedition they are designed for is not yet known.

The Goodwin Prize of 6 guns, having been out as a spy, came into Weymouth the 24th instant, and gave account she saw near Alderney a fleet of 40 sail of French men of war, 2 of which gave him chace, whereon expresses were dispatched to the fleet and admiralty.

The West India fleet putt back upon advice that they were making up the Channel, and come as far as Portsmouth, but upon examination tis beleiv'd they are only a fleet of Danes and Swedes.

All our great ships, except 2, are come to Spithead, and are joyn'd by 14 Dutch: admiral Russel is gone down to command them, carrying with him instructions for trying captain Wickham, commander of the Diamond.

The earl of Monmouths regiment is given, with his consent, to his brother, captain Henry Mordant.

Diverse transport ships are taken up, and all the well boats and bombships ordered to join the fleet.

Warrants are come to the secretaries office for creating the earl of Shrewsbury, marquesse of Alton and duke of Shrewsbury; the lord Mulgrave, marquesse of Normanby; and Mr. Herbert, baron of Cherbury.

The lord Villars, Mr. Henry Killigrew, Mr. Richard Gee, Mr. Walker, clerk to the house of lords, and Mr. Ashurst, the lord mayors son, are nominated commissioners, for licencing hackny coaches, each to have 300*l.* per ann.

The king hath given the queen some instructions, which are not to be opened till she hear of his arrival in Holland.

The confederates, we hear, will make no peace with France, except these towns be delivered, Dunkirk, Luxemburgh, Strasburgh, and Pignerol.

Sir Clowdesly Shovel goes for certain with 15 men of war to command in the Mediterranean.

The king carries with him sir William Temple, as beleived, to be employed as plenipotentiary in case a treaty of peace should goe on this summer.

Wrote from Brussels, that the French are very quiet on the frontiers, so that it's beleived they will act only defensively in Flanders this summer.

Tuesday, 1 *May*.—Some days since the secretary of state ordered the colledge of physitians to enquire into the practice of a German doctor called Gustavus Morhalts, who killed collonel Britnick by giving him ill medicines, of which upon examination they found him guilty, fined him 20*l.*, and committed him to Newgate, according to the statute.

His majestie came from Kensington yesterday to Whitehal,

and afterwards went to Gravesend, in order to embarque for Holland: before his going he signed warrants for creating the lord Caermarthen, duke of Leeds in Yorkshire; earl of Devon, duke of Devon; and earl of Clare, duke of Newcastle.

Mr. Mountague, chancellor of the exchequer, has made his brother of the Temple his secretary in room of Mr. Humfreys.

Saturday night a fire broke out in a stable by Dowgate, and burnt down Joyners Hall, with several adjacent houses.

There is like to be a contest between Mr. Fleetwood Shepherd and sir Phillip Carteret about the usher of the black rod, the latter claiming it by a patent from king Charles the 2d.

This day 3 waggon load of money was sent down to Portsmouth to pay the shipping; and on Fryday they are to rendevouze at Spithead, and soon after putt to sea.

Eight Dutch men of war are in the Downs.

The supposed French men of war in the Channel prove to be captain Bridges with 12 men of warr, with a fleet of corn ships from Ireland.

Anthony Row, esq., avenor to his majestie, is advanced to the board of greencloth.

Yesterday was her majesties birth day, when she was 33 years old, and it was observed.

Yesterday general Tolmach went to Portsmouth to mark out a camp for 12 regiments of foot.

This day 600 men were detacht out of the foot guards, and sent towards Portsmouth.

Last foreign letters say, the French king was countermanding his troops designed for Piedmont and Catalonia, and 'tis supposed he will bend the cheif of his forces towards Flanders, where he will head them in person.

The letters say also, that France is in miserable condition for want of corn, &c., most part of his kingdom looking like an hospitall of poor diseased people, who wish for a peace.

The winds being contrary, his majesty returned again this evening to Whitehall.

Wrote from Aleppo, that the Dutch East India company have taken from the French after a long seige the fortresse of Ponts Deure, the only one they had in that countrey. Those letters also say, that the prince Emett of Arabia, with an army

of 100,000 men, beseieges the city of Bossura; and that 11 Turkish bassa's are marching to its releif; but 'tis beleived with little successe.

Wrote from Leige, that the great master of the Teutonick order is ill of a feaver; that the elector of Cologne sollicited him to quitt his pretences to that bishoprick, and offers him a sum of money, which he has rejected.

The allies have summoned in 6000 pioneers and 600 waggons, and are forming a camp near Leige, in order, as beleived, to open the campagne with the seige of Huy.

The design of the new expedition is, that general Talmach with 12,000 men are to join some Dutch batallions and English seamen, in all to make up a body of 24,000 men, who are to plunder the French seaport towns.

Thursday, 3 *May*.—The duke of Shrewsbury will be made lord lieutenant of North Wales and of Herefordshire, and the earl of Pembroke, lord lieutenant of South Wales; and the lord Durseley, lord lieutenant of Gloucestershire: all which the late earl of Macclesfeild had.

There is a new warrant for making the earl of Bedford duke of Bedford, and the lord Newport earl of Newport.

This afternoon the council sate at Whitehal; the earl of Stamford, marquesse of Normanby, and lord Dursley, were sworn of it: after which his majesty went to Harwich, intending to goe thence for Holland with the 1st wind, or else intends to tide it over.

Portsmouth, May 1st; admiral Russel has hoysted has flag on board the Britannia, and will sail with the whole fleet or part of them on Fryday, but whither, not known: since his coming hither captain Wickham of the Diamond frigat, and captain Penny of the fireship, were tryed by a court martial for surrendring their ships to the French without more opposition; of which they were convicted, and each fined 1000*l.* and 10 years imprisonment.

Captain Bart is fitting out a squadron at Dunkirk of 18 ships; his own to carry 60 guns, his viceadmiral 50, and rear admiral 48, and therewith to privateer on our coast on the north.

Mr. Freake is to be tryed this week for publishing the libellous pamphlet against the Trinity.

The commissioners of the victualling office have orders to provide 3 months provisions for the fleet extraordinary.

The weekly bill of mortality this week much decreased, 58; and but 10 of the spotted feaver, whereas last week was 15.

Orders are sent to the lord Sidney to ship of great quantities of granado shells, carcasses, &c., which tis beleived will be put on board the bomb vessells which attend the fleet.

This day came an expresse that the grand master of the Teutonick order is dead, whereby the bishoprick of Leige will peaceably fall to the elector of Cologne.

Advice is also come that admiral Russel sailed this morning with the fleet westward.

Tis said the lord Villers will be made duke of Buckingham.

We hear the Dutch have taken in the East Indies four French ships that were lading saltpeter there.

One Mr. Letten is made avenor in the room of Mr. Anthony Rowe; and sir Gabriel Sylvius, surveyor.

Captain Obryan Fitzgerald, who sailed about a year since to the South Seas of America with 3 English ships, has, we hear, made considerable discoveries.

The justices of peace and deputy lieutenants throughout England will speedily be reformed.

Saturday, 5, *May*.—Yesterday came in two foreign mails, by which we have the confirmation of the grand viziers being depos'd, that count Teckely was in disgrace at the Port, and that the cham of Tartary had left it, being dissatisfied that the French ambassador at Constantinople was forbad comeing to court, for not having communicated to the sultan the propositions of peace his master had made to the confederates.

Letters from Leige of the 4th say, a malignant distemper rages there, which has swept away some hundreds of people, and amongst them several persons of quality, besides the grand master of the Teutonick order; divers of the chapter are gone to Aix La Chappelle and other places for better aire: the elector of Cologne is gone to Brussells: there is a faction in the towne endeavouring to dispose the chapter to a second election in favour of the grand dean.

Hamburgh, the 4th; the Dutch ships in the Sound are now discharg'd.

Paris letters say, that king is resolved to continue at home

least any insurrection should happen in his absence; the marquesse of Choiseul, and not the duke of Orleans, commands on the sea coasts, and the dauphin in Flanders: the letters also say, that several 1000 of their horses had dyed of the murrain, and many others rendred unfit for service.

Genoua, the 18th ult; thirty men of war are sailed from Thoulon, and 35 gallies from Marseilles, to beseige Barcellona: the French king has desired to borrow 5 millions of this republick, but they have excused themselves therefrom; and several French bills have been protested here, as also at Denmark and Sueden.

The elector of Saxony is taken ill of the small pox, and his brother commands the army in his room.

Duke of Luxemburgh is come to Tournay, and in a short time will open the campagne in Flanders; the confederates are marking out a camp near Newport for 36,000 men.

Letters from Brussells say, an envoy was gone thro' that citty from Sueden to the court of France to demand of the French king his signing a project of peace that he carryes conteyning the restitution of all the places France has taken since the Pyrenean treaty, or that his master otherwise will take new measures.

Admiral Allemond, with the rest of the Dutch ships, is now in the Downs.

Admiral Russell, with 35 men of war, is sailed westward, having left instructions with sir Clowdesly Shovell to follow him with the rest.

This day his majestie went for Gravesend, and not to Harwich: he endeavoured to putt to sea, but the wind being contrary, he is gone to Canterbury to wait till it turn fair for his goeing.

Tuesday, 8 *May*.—Last night about 8 a clock at night her majesty returned to Whitehall,; during her stay at Canterbury she was presented by the corporation with a purse of gold; she attended the king to Margate, where about 11 of the clock on Sunday he embarked for Holland, and the wind being fair was quickly out of sight.

The lord chancellor, lord cheif justice, and all the members of parliament of that kingdom, which are now in England, are ordered forthwith to repair thither, where a new parliament will be speedily called; and 11 bills, whereof 3 are for money,

are agreed to by the council here to be sent to them to passe into lawes.

Admiral Allemond is come to towne, and has been with the lords of the admiralty and secretary's of state to communicate something to them relating to the fleet.

There are 6 regiments come to the camp near Portsmouth, besides the batallions of foot guards, and the rest daily expected, in order to embarque; several volunteers are preparing to attend general Tolmach in this expedition.

The ships that carried the Scotch foot from that kingdom are returned, having landed them safe.

Plymouth letters say, that the Larke frigat had brought in there a French privateer of 14 guns, being a new ship built at St. Maloes.

There is about 750,000*l.* already paid in on the million lottery act, and 90,000*l.* on the 300,000*l.* for lives in the tonnage act.

The books for the new corporation of fund of interest will be opened in few dayes, the scheme of the whole design of the said bank being in the presse, to satisfye all that are willing to subscribe theretoo.

Dr. D'avenant will be made surveyor generall of all the salt pitts in England.

The complaint against the commissioners for sick and wounded men was this [day] heard at the council, where they were charged for corresponding with France more then their businesse relating to the exchange of mariners would allow, and are to be further heard on Thursday next.

His majestie hath conferred the honour of knighthood on Anthony Rowe, esq.

Sir Charles Sedley will be a viscount of England.

The office for licencing hackny coaches will be kept in Whitehall; one Mr. Meeks is made register, and one Mr. Glanville collector.

Admiral Russel, 'tis said, is gone to Bell Isle to attack some French men of warr that lie there.

Eight Dutch men of war that were in the Downes are sailed to Spithead.

The French have taken in the Streights a Genoese ship, which had on board 14 chests, in which was 3 millions of piasters, which is 280,000*l.* sterling, which was for the duke of Savoy.

28 French men of war are come from Brest to Thoulon and the Isles of Hyeres, where they have joyned the Thoulon squadron, and will have a fleet of 70 sail this summer in the Mediterranean.

Foreign letters say, the plague is at Leige; and that the elector of Cologne is taken ill at Brussells.

They say the French have quitted Dixmude; and that 4 English regiments have taken possession of it.

Thursday, 10 *May*.—Yesterday Mr. Lawes was brought to the kings bench barr, and charged with an appeal of murther by Mr. Wilsons brother.

This day Mr. Charles Mountague, chancellor of the exchequer, was sworn of the privy council.

The commissioners for the act for paper and parchment are nominated, viz. Mr. Stanley, cupbearer to the queen, Mr. Loyd gentleman usher to her majestie, Mr. Christopher Mountague, brother to the chancellor of the exehequer, Mr. Cornish, and another.

Admiral Mitchel, who was to have convoyed his majestie to Holland, is ordered with his squadron to Spithead, as is also the earl of Danby with the two 1st rate men of war, and the rest of the men of war in the river with the bomb ships, &c.

This day's letters from Deal say, the Dutch men of war who convoyed his majestie to Holland were discovered on the back of the Goodwin in their return.

The matter touching the complaint against the commissioners for the sick and wounded was heard again this day before a committee of the council, where they closed the same, and they will report their opinions to the queen.

Yesterday came in a foreign mail of the 15th, and sayes, the majority of the divan in Turky are for renewing the treaty of peace with the emperor.

From Germany wrote, that the French are 20,000 strong near Keyserwert.

The elector of Saxony has left a daughter behind him of 6 months old; his brother, prince Frederick, aged 24, succeeds him in his electorate.

Letters from Leige say, that those of the chapter who voted for the grand master of the Teutonick order have declared the bishoprick to be again vacant, and therfore designed a

new election; those for the elector of Cologne say, the cause of the dispute being removed, the effect ceaseth, and will stick to their first choice.

This day came advice that the king is safely arrived in Holland.

Saturday, 12 *May*.—Yesterday one captain Phillips, being seized on information he lately came from France, was brought before the secretary, and treasonable letters being found about him, he was committed to Newgate, and a cabinet council summoned to consider thereof.

Wrote from Falmouth, the Spanish Alliance pacquet boat was come in there, and sayes, the King William, a Flushing privateer, had taken a French privateer of 26 guns, and retook a Dutch Malaga ship of 14 guns: they say also, that admiral Russel was seen off that port with the fleet sailing to the westward.

Plymouth letters say, a Dutch privateer had brought in there a French prize of 120 tunns, with bombs, &c. for Dunkirk: they say also, a Dutch fly boat was come in there from Portugal, who sayes, that in her voyage she mett a fleet of Swedes, and was informed by them that a fleet of 40 French men of war were sailed towards the Mediterranean.

This day the lords of the treasury had before them the matter about coyneing farthings, and they have agreed they shal be done according to the addresse of the commons.

The commissioners for the hacky coaches are appointed the same as formerly.

Yesterday came in a foreign mail; they write from the Hague of the 18th, that the king landed on Monday night near the Brill; he was row'd 6 leagues in the pinnace of a man of war, the wind being contrary, and came there about midnight; next morning he went into the assembly of the states of Holland, and also that of the states general, to each of which he made a short speech, and received their complement.

The mariage between the elector of Bavaria and the princesse royal of Poland is in a manner concluded.

Tuesday, 15 *May*.—An expresse arrived yesterday from admiral Russel, dated the 11th instant, off Ushant, with advice, that the French fleet, being 34 men of war, commanded

by Chasteau Renaud, sailed out of Brest the 28th past, and took their way towards the Mediterranean; 'tis said the admiral has desired a reinforcement of 10 men of war and some victuallers to follow him, and he is gone after them; 15 of our men of war lye at Cadiz to join him.

A cabinet council being held thereon, two expresses were sent away, one after the admiral, and another to Portsmouth; the latter is said to be for hastning the embarquing of the forces for the new expedition; and this day a messenger come from thence sayes, the forces began to goe on board yesterday, and that sir Cloudesly Shovell, who commands that fleet, has received sailing orders.

One captain Phillips, said to be committed to Newgate, his name now appears to be Crosby, formerly secretary to the lord Tyrconnel; he came out of France 3 months since; has been about the kingdom in order to sound the people for an insurrection, and was returning back to give an account of the posture of our affairs.

The lord Godolphin being come to town, the lords of the treasury mett yesterday, and agreed to the method for setling the new bank in the tonnage act, and several merchants &c. who are to be concerned therein came this day to subscribe.

Ten highway men, &c., on board a Barbadoes ship at Portsmouth, going to be transported, in the night escaped ashore in the long boat.

Pardons are now passing the seals for sir Charles Porter and lord Coningsby, late lords justices of Ireland.

The following regiments are encamped at Portsdowne; colonel Hastings, lord Cutts, Coots, Stuarts, Venners, Rades, Colliers, Earles, Rowes, and a batallion of guards.

Colonel Wansleys regiment of Eniskelling horse, and collonel Ecklins dragoons, with 3 regiments of foot, are to come from Ireland, and Newbottles dragoons from Scotland, to be sent forthwith for Flanders.

On Saturday 500 bombs were shipt of from the Tower for Flanders, the least weighing 200 lb. weight.

Yesterday a new invented engine was proved on Blackheath, shooting 60 granados at once half a mile, and may be discharged thrice in a quarter of an hour.

Wrote from Kingsale, that there are 350 French prisoners

there; and that a Jamaica ship was lately cast away off there, and all her cargo lost.

Yesterday was published their majesties proclamation for a general fast for imploring a blessing and protection upon their majesties, and prosperity of their armes in the war against the French king, to be observed on Wensday the 23d of this month in the cities of London and Westminster, and within the bills of mortality, and on the 13th of June next throughout the whole realm.

Thursday, 17 *May*.—The fleet admiral Russel has with him are, 3 ships of 100 guns apeice, 4 of 92, 5 of 80, 21 of 70 guns each, 6 frigats, and 9 fireships: 13 of the men of war are Dutch.

Yesterday came in a foreign mail of the 20th instant: they write from Rome, that the pope is inclined to approve of the elector of Colognes being bishop of Leige, which will put an end to the intended new election.

From Paris, that mounsieur Tourville had orders to sail with the men of war from Thoulon, and that he would be join'd by those lately gone from Brest in order to attack Barcelona by sea, whilst the count de Noailles attacques it by land; who has already enter'd those parts with 22,000 foot, and 6000 horse.

Yesterday the lords of the treasury declared 7 commissioners for paper and parchment, viz. Mr. Christopher Mountague, Mr. John Stanley, Mr. Loyd, Mr. Henry Cornish, Mr. James Isaacson, Mr. Henry Harris, engraver at the Mint, and Mr. Vanderess, the Dutch paymaster, who managed the like duty in Holland: and Mr. William Bridges is made secretary.

Edingburgh, 10th; the council pursuant to the kings letter have ordered the total demolishing the Basse, and sir Thomas Levingston is gone to see the same done.

Our merchants have setled with the lords of the treasury all the preliminaries relating to the bank, which was this evening reported in council, and will goe on with all expedition.

Her majestie was not in council this day, so the report about the commissioners for sick and wounded was putt off till next council day.

The two Scotch regiments of dragoons, who returned to Deptford for want of forage, are now, upon changing of the wind, ordered immediately to sail for Flanders.

Sir Richard Haddock, with 2 other commissioners of the navy, are gone to Portsmouth to pay off the remainder of the fleet before they putt to sea.

There is now paid into the exchequer upon the million lottery 832,500*l.*

Saturday, 19 *May.*—Yesterday the queen received an expresse some leagues west of Scilly, dated the 13th, giving an account that admiral Russel had detached captain Pickard in the Monmouth and the Resolution, two 3d rate men of war, and the Roebuck fireship, to cruise upon the French coast: which orders the captain so well performed, that he fell in with a French fleet of 52 merchant men, laden with ammunition and provisions for Dunkirk, with the Jersey, carrying 52 guns, which about 2 years since they took from us in the West Indies, and 2 other convoys: upon our approach they seperated; 27 of them run into Conquet Creek, where our pinnaces, notwithstanding the fireing from the shore, burnt them all: the Jersey ran aground upon St. Martins point, and blown up: we followed, and mett with 7 more; 2 of which we took, and burnt the rest; so that we actually destroyed 35; and 'tis said the two other convoys are of the number.

Thursday night Mr. serjeant Darnells eldest son was seized with a violent feavour, which made him light headed, so that he rose out of his bed, and leapt out of window 2 pair of staires high, notwithstanding the opposition of those that watched him, and dyed immediately.

The same day 6 waggon load of money went down to Portsmouth to pay the remainder of the fleet, which are ready to sail, the topsailes being loose, and the men in a manner embarqued.

Wrote from Plymouth, that some French prisoners there, lately taken, say, that 14 French men of war of 3 decks are left in Brest, the rest gone to the Mediterranean.

A foreign post this day came in, and brings, that the king was come to Breda on his way to Flanders.

Confirmes the carrying count Teckely prisoner to Adrianople.

And that the duke de Noailles has invested Pallamos in Catalonia.

Wrote from Poland, that the Turks are sending plenipo-

tentiaries to Stry or Sniatin, to treat of a general peace, the han of Tartary having influenced the grand seignior to doe it; that the king of Poland hath sent expresses thereof to Vienna, Venice, and Muscovy; and there is a report that the French ambassador, with some others, are sent prisoners to the 7 towers in the Black sea.

Our grand fleet have 4 months provisions on board at full allowance, which seems as if they intended for the Mediterranean.

Mr. Speak, Mr. Villers, Mr. Killigrew, Mr. Gee, and Mr. Ashurst, are declared commissioners for licencing hackny coaches.

The confederate army in Flanders will consist of 146,000 effective men.

The Scepter, a rich Guinea ship, with elephants teeth, cotton, &c., is arrived in the Downs.

The office for paper and parchment will be kept in the New Square at Lincolns Inn.

The remainder of the 52 French ships gott back into Brest.

The Ostenders, we hear, have taken 16 corn ships goeing into Dunkirk.

Admiral Russel hath detached 12 men of war upon some secret design.

The Dutch send 40 men of war to join our fleet, which is 5 more then their quota.

This day Mr. William Freke of the Temple, being convicted for writing and publishing a blasphemous Socinian pamphlet against the Trinity, entitled, A Breif and Full Confutation of the Mystery of the Trinity, having lett judgment goe by default, came to the court of kings bench to receive his punishment; which was, to pay 200*l.* fine, to find sureties for his good behaviour for 3 years, and to make a publick recantation and acknowledgment of his crime in all the courts of Westminster Hall on Monday next.

Tuesday, 22 *May*.—Spithead, the 19th; the fleet had sailed e're this, had the wind been fair.

Yesterday an Ostend privateer brought in 2 French prizes, one laden with salt and brandy, the other with bread; and the London Merchant 3 or 4 prizes more.

Captain Gurney of the Bristol was tryed for killing lieutenant Lucas on board his ship: was acquitted, and ordered to his former command.

And another French ship, laden with sugar and Jamaica pepper, is brought in here.

On Sunday night the earl of Teviot, of 70 years of age, his name Spencer, and uncle to the lord Sunderland, cut his own throat.

Yesterday morning an expresse came from admiral Russel that he had met with tempestuous weather, which forced him to return to Torbay: he brought in with him a French privateer, and 2 other prizes.

From Dartmouth wrote, that a French privateer of 16 guns, with a prize of 60 tuns, was brought in there by the Portsmouth frigat.

Harwich, 20th; the Mary yatch and Alborough ketch are arrived here from Ostend, but the Pearl prize of 18 guns, in company, was oversett, and had 40 men drowned; the captain, with 180 more, saving themselves on board the yatch.

Sir Carbery Price, a parliament man in Wales, and the lady Eland, widdow of the marques of Hallifax's eldest son, are lately dead, and the lord Falkland is very ill with the small pox.

Last night collonel Parker, who followed king James to Ireland, and after to France, and was the person (who Granvalle, executed in Flanders, confessed) designed to kill the king, was seized with his papers in Bloomsbury: he was this night examined before the duke of Shrewsbury, and committed to the Tower.

One major Palmer, seized coming from France, is also committed to Newgate.

The Pearl frigat had on board 40 passengers, and 5 Hamburgh merchants.

Some letters say, we have burnt and destroyed above 100 of the French ships.

Foreign letters say, the pope has confirmed the elector of Cologne bishop of Leige.

The Scotch have taken a French caper of 18 guns.

Two Guernsey privateers have brought into Weymouth 2 French prizes laden with corn.

The king will communicate to the congresse of the confederates at Breda the project of peace which he rejected.

On Fryday next the remaining 5 persons lately condemned for pyracy will be executed at Redriffe Staires.

7 French prizes more are taken, and brought to Portsmouth.

There is a report that 3000 French horse have deserted, and are come over to prince Lewis of Baden.

Yesterday Mr. William Freke came to the court of kings bench, and there at the bar, pursuant to his judgment, made a publick acknowledgment of his crime, and the justice of the court therein; begging pardon for the offence he had given to the Christian religion in general, and the church of England in particular, in writing that scandalous libell against the Mystery; so he went to the other courts and did the like; after which, he came into court, and gave security for his good behaviour for 3 years; and after, the court, in consideration of his circumstances, remitted his fine from 200*l.* fine to 100*l.*

Thursday, 24 *May*.—Yesterday came an expresse to the admiralty board, that 2 of our cruizers had taken two French privateers, one of 38 and the other of 36 guns, near Guernsey.

This afternoon came an expresse from Portsmouth that admiral Russel had joyned the fleet at Spithead.

Tuesday the embarquing of the forces was finished, the bomb vessells and the victuallers are also come, so that nothing is wanting but a fair wind for sailing.

All the new raised forces are to encamp on Hounslow heath this summer.

A fleet of victuallers is ordered hence for Ireland to fetch a considerable quantity of corn and other provisions for the army in Flanders.

An engineer is arrived here, having been in disguise at Brest, and brought with him a platform of the fortifications of that place.

Our fleet consists of 93 men of war for the line of battle, viz. 52 English and 41 Dutch.

Yesterday being the fast day, was kept here in town: the bishop of Bath and Wells preached before her majestie in the morning, and Dr. Gouge in the afternoon.

The same evening the commissioners for paper and parch-

ment mett the 1st time at their new office, and chose their under officers.

This day the charter for the corporation of the new bank was read and agreed to in council.

Tis said a great discovery is made by the taking some papers belonging to collonel Parker; he is kept close prisoner, none suffered to come to him, nor to have pen, ink, or paper.

The Turky merchants are preparing a petition to the queen for a squadron of ships to be sent to Cadiz, to reinforce those already there, least the French should make an attempt upon them.

The million lottery is now compleated.

The duke of Newcastle is made lord lieutenant of Nottinghamshire.

Some say there is paid into the exchequer on the million lottery but 880,000*l.*

There has been brought to Dunkirk lately from Fleckeren in Norway 4000 tuns of corn, all which was putt into the kings magazines.

The French fleet in the Mediterranean consists of 62 men of war, 30 gallies, and 20 fireships; they are to rendevouze in the Bay of Roses.

The Venetians have forbid all trade with France by reason of a contageous distemper that rages at Lyons and other parts.

Tis said the dauphin will goe from Flanders to the Rhine to cover the seige of Mentz.

The elector of Bavaria and the general officers are to meet the king at Breda to conferr about the operations of the succeeding campagne.

St. Peters church at Rome is said to be burnt by lightning, which the papists look on as ominous.

The emperor designs to beseige Temeswaer, and the Venetians Negropont; the duke of Savoy will open the campagne with the seige of Susa: 800 Greek families have shoke off the Turkish yoak, and put themselves under the Venetians, being in all 6000 souls, wherof 1000 able to bear armes.

Saturday, 26 *May*.—The lord Lexington goes with the 1st convoy for Holland in order to proceed on his journey to Vienna in quality of his majesties ambassador to the emperor;

but the lord Falkland, designed to goe envoy to the states general, dyed on Thursday night of the small pox.

The Spanish ambassador here had audience yesterday of her majestie, representing to her the danger his masters towns in Catalonia were in by reason of the French forces there by sea and land, craving speedy assistance; and 'tis said sir Cloudesly Shovell will be speedily sent with a strong squadron to the Streights.

Last night an expresse came from admiral Russel at Spithead, that he had given the signal for sailing, having 10 regiments of foot and 2 of dragoons on board; and this morning the wind comeing to the east, we expect to hear they are sailed.

Near 100 sail of Danes, Swedes, and Portugalls, laden with wine, brandy, and other necessaries, goeing from Mentz to Dunkirk, were mett by 5 of our cruizers, and brought to Spithead.

Falmouth, 21st; thirty vessels laden with butter and cheese are past by here from Ireland on their way to Flanders.

The Spanish ambassador here has interceded for the Irish men condemned for pyrates with captain Golding, and gott liberty to have them transported.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that a proclamation is published there requiring all noblemen and gentlemen of Scotland that are in France to return home in 60 dayes, upon pain of being declared rebells, and their estates forfeited.

This day the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where Wake, the highway man, who killed the constable in Holborn, received sentence of death; as also a Turk for sodomy with a boy; and one Cockeley was fined 100*l.*, and to stand thrice in the pillory, for pretending to discover a plott which was proved to be his own contrivance.

The French have actually beseiged Barcellona both by sea and land.

Tis beleived the new enterprize will be on Brest.

Collonel Legg, brother to the late lord Dartmouth, hath cut his own throat in Oxfordshire.

Lieutenant general Tolmach commands the forces in this new expedition: he is not to open his commission till he is at sea.

One of our cruizers has taken a French prize of 80 tuns, laden with wine and bread, goeing into St. Maloes, and sent her to Cowes.

The million lottery is now full, the goldsmiths having shutt up the books, and they ask 11*l.* a ticket now.

A camp is marked out on Hounslow Heath for the regiments of the earls of Macclesfeild and Arran and collonel Windsor, which are horse; collonel Leighs, dragoons.

Myn Heer Van Zitters is goeing hence ambassador to Spain.

The story of collonel Legg proves a mistake.

Tuesday, 29 *May*.—French letters say, the duke de Noailles was marched with 28,000 men to beseige Barcelona.

The dauphines baggage went the 24th for Flanders, and he setts forward thither the 31st, designing to be the 3d of next month at Mabeuge, where is the general rendevouze: tis said he and Luxemburgh will act seperately, one to face the confederates, whilst the other executes some design, which tis beleived will be upon Leige.

The king of England is come to Breda, and goeing to Bethlem, near Louvain, where the confederate forces are to rendevouze; and another camp is forming in the Spanish Flanders under the duke of Wirtembergh.

20 corn ships are arrived in the Downs, as also 4 ships from Virginia, and 2 from Barbadoes.

Admiral Russel, with the grand fleet, continues still at Spithead, the wind being contrary.

A French privateer, with English colours, came into the Downs, and took an English privateer; but the Sally Rose stood after them, and took the French privateer, which carried 20 guns; but they carried ours of.

We hear 5 commissioners will be appointed to inspect all places that are in the gift of the crown, with power to turn out whom they please.

The lord Sidney went yesterday to reside at Dover, being lord warden of the Cinque Ports.

The transport ships, with the Scotch dragoons, did not sail till yesterday for Flanders, the winds being contrary.

The duke of Richmond is made admiral of Scotland, governour of Dunbarton castle, &c., which places the late duke Hamilton enjoyed.

The sessions began at the Old Baily the 25th, and held the 26th and 27th, where several criminals were tryed; 11 received sentence of death, (2 of them for clipping, and several for robbing,) 16 were burnt in the hand, 4 ordered to be whipt, 1 to be transported, and 4 fined.

Thursday, 31 *May*.—Wrote from Dublin, that the lord Capell, one of the lords justices, lyes dangerously ill; his physitians having given him over.

Edingburgh, 24th; this day duke Hamilton was interred at Hamilton, where, after the obsequies were performed, the lord Arran, his son, entertained the nobility at a splendid supper.

Wrote from Hereford, that the bishop of that see went lately to Weobley to have the inscription on the late collonel Birche's tomb to be razed out, conceiving them not to be agreeable to the church of England; whilst some workmen were defacing it, several dependants on collonel Birches family came and beat them off.

The commissioners for paper and parchment this day presented 5 seals of their office to the council, which were approved of, to stamp the several sorts of things according to the prices, and a proclamation is coming out to enforce the same with the several stamps.

Serjeant Skipwith is lately dead.

A foreign post of 4th of June came in yesterday, and sayes, the marques of Bareith commands the elector of Saxony's forces under prince Lewis.

Paris letters say, the duke of Chartres and some other great men are sent towards the coasts to oppose the descent which they expect from England.

The Groyne pacquet boat brings, that the Brest squadron had passed the Streights, and sayled to join Tourville in the Mediterranean to execute their masters designs in Catalonia.

Wrote from Flanders, that the confederate army there will consist of 160,000 men; 16,000 whereof are to defend Leige, 10,000 more to compose flying camps, about 20,000 in garison, and the rest in a body, under his majesty, to fight the enemy.

The regiments of horse commanded by the earl of Macclesfeild, lord Arran, and colonel Windsor, with colonel Leighs regiment of dragoons, are sent for by the king to Flanders.

The fleet on Tuesday sailed from St. Hellens, and were that night out of sight.

The queen hath given 10,000*l.* to the inlarging of St. Thomas Hospitall.

The French are forming a camp of 6000 men near St. Maloes, and have putt a strong garison into Brest.

The King William and Nightingale privateers have taken 5 French prizes, 2 of them carried 28 guns and 26 guns.

Wrote from Vienna, that a cessation of arms will be agreed on with the Turks in 2 months.

Three persons are takeu up, and sent prisoners to Breda, for endeavouring to assassinate the king.

Wrote from Palmero, that 2 Zeland privateers have taken in those seas a French ship of 20 guns, richly laden with cloth, &c., bound for Turky.

The electorof Brandenburgh and king of Sueden have made a new allyance, which gives great umbrage to the king of Denmark.

Yesterday were executed at Tyburn 8 men, among which was a Turk for sodomy, and several for robbing on the highway.

Saturday, 2 *June*.—An expresse came yesterday from Portsmouth, that on Thursday the whole fleet was out of sight, with a bare wind at north, which coming westerly, the admiral would not return, but dropt anchor, and lay by all the time of ebb, but upon the reflux tyded it forwards, which method he'l continue to doe till the wind serve to carry them to the place designed: the soldiers have left behind them their pikes, and taken fire armes; they have 8 bomb ketches, and machines with flatt bottoms, to blow up any fortification.

The Portugal ambassador has gott leave of her majestie to buy corn in Ireland to transport to his own country, all persons that come from Lisbon sayeing there's a great want of it there by reason of the drought, and little prospect of a good harvest.

On Tuesday next the duke of Zell and duke of Shrewsbury are to be installed at Windsor knights of the garter; its beleived the vacant stall, by the death of the elector of Saxony, will be filled up by the present elector, his brother.

Generally beleived that admiral Russel, with 50 men of war,

will sail into the Mediterranean, and join the 28th English and Dutch men of war already at Cadiz; and after he has convoyed the Turky fleet out of danger will endeavour to find out the French fleet, and fight them.

The lords of the treasury have agreed upon 4 commissioners for hackny coaches; Mr. Villars, Mr. Ashurst, Mr. Gee, Mr. Walter Overbury, which last his majestie expresly wrote for.

Wrote from Scotland, that the earl of Angus was dead; and that the Basse was demolishing; and the garison there are embarquing for France.

The lord keeper and the two secretaries were this day 4 hours together in private about matters of import.

The words on collonel Birches tomb which gave offence to the bishop of Hereford are these: That none, who ever knew him, deny'd him the character of ascertaining the lawes and liberties of his country in time of war, and promoting it's welfare in peace.

The discourse last week about the 100 Suedes and Danes brought in by our cruisers proves a mistake.

No foreign post lately.

The Dragon frigat hath taken and sent to Dartmouth a French caper of 12 guns and 6 patereroes.

Wrote from Paris, that their army in Catalonia consists of 19,331 foot, 5404 horse, and 2620 dragoons, without reckoning 1970 officers, and 5000 men that are on board the gallies.

That 135 ships, laden with corn, are arrived at Nantz, and they expect from the north 135,000 bushells, so that bread is somewhat cheaper then it was.

The duke of Savoy's army will not be so numerous this campagne as it was the last.

The chapter of Leige will proceed to a new election, unlesse the pope determine the former by the 24th of June.

The duke's of Parma and Modena have removed from their courts several persons that were in the interest of France.

We hear that 2 regiments of Swisse mutinyed for their pay at Dornick, and could not beappeased till the governour gott some money of the clergy to distribute among them.

The stationers intend to petition the lords of the treasury about the act for paper and parchment.

Advice from Spain, that there hath been a battle between

the Moors and those of Algiers, in which the latter had 10,000 killed, and 3000 taken prisoners.

The queen hath discharged the commissioners for sick and wounded men from their accusation, and hath recommended to them the care of their businesse.

Just now we hear the fleet is on the back of the Isle of Weight.

Tuesday, 5 *June*.—Letters from Falmouth say, that a quarrel hapned there between sir Bouchier Wray and Mr. Praed; the former was run thro the body, but supposed not mortal; the latter was hurt only slightly in the face.

From Plymouth, that 11 Irish prisoners in the cittadel there taken on board a French privateer had made their escape, but 2 of them were retaken, and laid in irons.

Cowes, 3d; this day the Bristol, with collonel Russel on board for Barbadoes, with the Experiment and Foresight, sailed hence, with above 40 merchant men, under their convoy, for the plantations.

We hear great fewds are risen in the court of the late king James in France; the earl of Melfort is in disgrace, and the lord Middleton manages all.

A goldsmith by Middlerow in Holborn, being on Sunday afternoon walked out with his wife; in the interim had his house broke open, and 500*l.* in plate and money taken away.

Some persons are seized at Hull for carrying corn to France.

One Kennedy, a Scotchman, is taken into custody for treasonable practices against the government.

Yesterday an expresse came from admiral Russel, that he was at ten a clock Saturday morning off Salcomb, near Plymouth, and that he would lose no time, but make the best of his way as the winds would permitt.

Dr. Welwood, one of the commissioners for the sick and wounded, has laid down, but the rest have kist her majesties hand.

This day a foreign mail of the 28th, old style, that the king arrived the 24th in the camp at Bethlem, where are above 30,000 men already in a body, and the roads full of soldiers, marching from all parts to join him, so that in few dayes he will be above 60,000 strong.

They say the dauphin was arrived at Mabeuge, and the

French army begun to move; that great shooting had been heard among them, which they give out to be for an advantage obtained by them over the Spaniard in Catalonia.

Yesterday the commission past the seals for constituting Mr. Villers, Mr. Gee, Mr. Ashurst, and Mr. Overbury, commissioners for hackny coaches; they are allowed 200*l.* per ann. apeice; and Mr. Meeks is secretary, with 100*l.* per ann. salary.

This day the elector of Brandenburgh, the duke of Zell, and the duke of Shrewsbury, were installed knights of the garter at Windsor.

Admiral Russel, colonel Aylmer, and rear admiral Mitchel, with lieutenant admiral Allemond, command the squadron that goes into the Mediterranean; the Dutch lead the van; and the squadron that is left here at home is to be commanded by sir Clowdesly Shovell, the lord Berkley, and the marques of Caermarthen.

Wrote from Paris, that mounsieur Pontchartin had petitioned his majestie to be discharged of his employment, alledging that his majesties subject look on him as the engine that contrives wayes to extort the money (they have left) from them, and threaten his life.

From Flanders, that things there tend towards a battle, the French seeming to desire it before the effect of our discent be known, least it should discourage their army.

Mr. Sampson Ward, an eminent lawyer, dyed on Saturday last.

The commissioners for paper and parchment have begun to stamp the same already, in order to distribute it into the countryes against the time.

The lords of the admiralty have received an account from admiral Russel, that he was come into Torbay with the fleet, not being able to weather the Lizard Point because of the strong south west wind.

This dayes foreign mail brings from Catalonia, that the French were on the 19th of last month within 4 hours of Gironne, waiting the coming up of their fleet.

That Gyula was in such a condition, that without a speedy supply of provisions the garison must surrender.

Thursday, 7 June.—The council have now finished the bank,

and the commission is allowed, and 150 commissioners instead of 20 at first; twill be published, we hear, the next week.

The lords of the admiralty and commissioners of the victualling office have been with the lords of the treasury; and 'tis ordered, that great quantities of provisions, and all sorts of ship stores, will be sent after the fleet, that in case of a fight with the French in the Mediterranean they may refitt there.

Yesterdays western letters advise, that our fleet were sailing for Brest in order to make an attempt on that place, having first sett ashore brigadeer Hastings, who was at the point of death; and this afternoon we have advice that admiral Russel and the lord Berkly were seperated, the 1st gone with a strong squadron to the Streights, and the other to Brest; and the wind being now easterly we may suddenly expect to hear of action.

Sir Bouchier Wray is said to be dead of his wounds received by Mr. Praed.

Tis feared the news of the French's having beaten the Spaniard in Catalonia is too true, tho as yet we have no other account then what comes by the way of France.

Whence we hear also, that Mr. Chasteau Renaud had attacqued our Alicant fleet near the Streights mouth, took four of them, and sunk four others, with a man of war, their convoy, tho our merchants hope to the contrary.

A French privateer of 4 guns took a vessel, laden with powder, goeing from the Downs to the grand fleet.

The provisions and stores of all sorts are to be sent to Cadiz for the use of our grand fleet.

The accident that befell our Alicant fleet is said to be done in the Bay of Malaga.

The French fell upon the Spaniards in their trenches, killed 4000 on the place, took 3000 prisoners, with their artillery, baggage, and the marquesse de Conflans, mareschal de camp general of the Spanish cavalry.

A Guernsey privateer hath brought to Weymouth a French prize of 60 tuns, laden with wine.

Four Dutch men of war have taken 2 French privateers, and carried them to the Texell.

Wrote from Vienna, that the van of the Turkish army, with their fleet, are come to Belgrade; that the Dutch ambassador

is not permitted to come within the town, but lies without the gate.

The mariage between the elector of Bavaria and the princesse of Poland is concluded, and will be performed the 1st of August.

The palace of Greenwich is fitting up.

Wrote from Rome, that the cardinalls of the French faction doe mightily presse the pope to interpose his authority for the procuring a peace; but was answered by some of the cardinalls, no peace would be consented to by the allies but on the foot of the treaties of Nimeghen and Westphalia.

Saturday, 9 *June*.—Yesterday the commissioners for paper and parchment presented a list of the inferiour officers for the several counties to the lords of the treasury for their approbation.

The stationers here have petition[ed] those commissioners for some releif, they being to pay 12*l.* 10*s.* for stamping a rheam of blank bonds, &c., when they can sell them but for 13*l.* 10*s.*

Thursday last the common council read the 1st time an act to abolish an antient custome of the lord mayor drinking at the Bridghouse feast to a person whom he designs sherif for this citty for the year ensueing: as also another for suppressing hawkers and pedlars within this citty and the liberties thereof.

The persons designed to be putt up for sherifs at Midsummer are, on one side, sir William Gore and alderman Smart; and by the other party, Mr. Cary, the banker, and Mr. Guy, bookseller.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that the council there had ordered captain Bird, with his frigat, to goe and fight captain Dunbarr, who was on that coast with a French privateer; which accordingly he did, but lost his ship, and he himself escaped ashore.

This day there's advice, that Du Bart, with a squadron of 13 privateers, has taken 4 ships off of Yarmouth; and 'tis feared the Holland pacquets are fallen into his hands, there being 2 due, the wind fair, and none come in.

Sir Charles Porter, sir Richard Reynell, and other gentlemen, in their passage to Ireland, were attacqued by a French privateer, who gave them chase, and fired a broad side upon them, amd killed 3 of our seamen; which being returned, the privateer sheared off.

A French privateer has takan off of Dungenesse one of our bomb boats, in which was 500 barrells of powder, &c.

This afternoon came advice, that a French frigat had landed some men near Chichester, and burnt some houses.

No news from the fleet since the last.

Tuesday, 12 *June.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail; wrote from Paris, that 4 Spanish men of war and 5 gallies, having landed 4000 men at Barcelona, in their return to Cadiz, mett with mounsieur Chasteau Renaud, who passed in 8 dayes from Ushant to the Streights; they fought several hours, but at last made the best of their way; 2 of them were stranded, and burnt themselves, and the other 2 were burnt by the French, but the gallies in the night gott away.

The battle in Catalonia is confirmed, with these particulars; that there were 28,000 French and 16,000 Spaniards; the latter made a good retreat after the losse of 5000 men killed and taken prisoners.

Twas reported the Turks had taken Titull from the imperialists, a small town, but of great importance, near Belgrade; but it proves a mistake, for the letters this day say, the emperialists, after 3 furious assaults, forced them to quitt the seige, leaving 400 dead on the spott.

Wrote from the kings camp at Valdeck Abbey, that the horse had joined him, as also general Teteau from Maestricht; that the French were reported to be 100,000 strong within 3 leagues of him, and that they speedily expected action.

Wrote from the Hague, that the emperors envoy signified to the states, that his master had appointed Stry in Moldavia for the plenipotentiaries to meet to consult about a peace with the Turks.

On Sunday colonel Wynnes dragoons marched to Deptford to embarque for Flanders.

Our Jamaica fleet homeward bound is arrived on the western coasts; one of them sayes, she mett the Lenox on Thursday last southward of Brest, who told her that admiral Russel was gone to the Streights, and the lord Berkly, with the land forces, stood for Brest; after which he heard incessant shooting for 4 hours, by which 'tis concluded ours are before that place.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered out a squadron of men of war to look after Du Bart.

Four regiments are ordered immediately for Flanders.

6000 seamen will be mixed with our land forces, and each of them on landing are to have a guinea a man.

120 pyrates, which were taken in French privateers, are ordered to be brought up to be tryed.

The pope is inclineable to confirm the elector of Cologne bishop of Leige.

The earl of Melfort is committed to the Bastile.

Wrote from Catalonia, that the victory obtained by the French there is dear bought; and that the marshal de Noailles had sent 25 batallions and 18 squadrons to beseige Palamos.

Corn in the French conquests is dearer now then it was before.

The emperor declares he will hearken to no proposals of peace with the French king till he restore all places he hath taken since the Pyrenean treaty.

The armies in Flanders are near each other; the king is encamped at Valdeck Abbey with 120 batallions and above 200 squadrons, and designed to march towards the enemy, whose horse is in a miserable condition.

This day an expresse to court, that admiral Russel parted on Wensday for the Mediterranean; and that on Fryday the rest of the fleet arrived before Brest, where the general signifyed he had 800 guineas for 800 men that should goe first on shore, whereon 1000 offered their service; and after the vessel (that brought the expresse) left the fleet she heard great shooting for 4 hours.

Thursday, 14 *June*.—A gentleman is come expresse, who left the kings camp in Flanders the 19th; he sayes, Luxemburgh designed to have fallen on the king before the horse had joined him, he having only 30,000 men with him, but his majestie, having timely notice of their design, possessed himself of an advantageous post, where he encamped, causing a detachment out of every company to make a double retrenchment: great part of the horse are now come up, so that our army consists of 60,000 men, and will daily increase; but forage is very scarce, the boors having in many places laid their ground fallow.

Tuesday, about 10 at night, captain Hammond came expresse to the queen with an account from general Tolmash,

who was come wounded to Plymouth, that on Fryday last he landed about 3 or 400 men, himself at the head of them, in order to attacque the forts leading to Brest, and soon found the enemy had made retrenchments to the right and left, with a line of communication within musquet shot of the sea, behind which were strong bodies of horse and foot drawn up to sustayne their trenches, who immediately powred upon us great vollyes of small shott, the cannon playeing at the same time upon us from several batteries; upon which the design was thought impracticable, and our men ordered to return to their ships, which they did: during the action the marquesse of Caermarthen with 7 ships batterd a castle and 2 forts in Camaret Bay, who were warmly received from the said forts; a bomb fell into a Dutch man of war of 30 guns, and sunk her; another fell into the marquesse's ship, broke thro two of her decks, and by good fortune run thro a port into the sea before she broke; a 3d fell into a long boate, out of which the lord Cuts was but just gone, and sunk her with all her men: our ships being all joined, a council of war was held, whither to attacque any other place, not so well guarded, or return to Spithead; but their orders being, if they could not succeed there, to return to St. Hellens, they are now comeing, and tis beleived the forces on board will immediately goe for Flanders: in the whole action we had about 500 men killed, wounded, and taken prisoners; the cheifest among them was Le Motte, the French engineer, captain Thornicroft, and some subalterns. The French certainly knew of our design, having about 10,000 foot and 4000 horse of veterane soldiers encamped there ever since the 22d of Aprill, and 10,000 militia within the town: Vauban the engineer was also there, and fortified every passe.

Tis beleived admiral Russell, with 50 men of war, will reach Cales by Saturday next.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that they are victualling that castle for 2 years, and all the other castles throughout that kingdom for 1 year.

A privateer of 12 guns is arrived at Plymouth from the Barbadoes, and took in her voyage 3 French prizes; and a Guernsey privateer has sent into Weymouth a French prize of 150 tunns, laden with wine.

The Providence, the Dutch pacquet boat between England and Holland, is taken by a French privateer, and sent to Dunkirk.

In the Brest expedition colonel Venner, and the engineers Richards and La Motte, were killed; Talmach wounded in the thigh.

The fleet and land forces are gone further, to make a descent elsewhere.

The queen, upon receit of this news, called a cabinet council, which satt till 3 the next day; and dispatches have been sent with instructions to the fleet, and a draught made out of the foot guards to be sent to the fleet to goe on board.

The marshal de Lorges having past the Rhine with 70,000 men, 70 peices of cannon, and 20 mortars, and tis beleiv'd he will attack prince Lewis in his camp.

The next news we hear of admiral Russell will be of his arrival at Cales.

Saturday, 16 *June*.—Plymouth, 12th; the Dreadnought and the Bridget gally came yesterday from the fleet, having several wounded officers on board; they say, that some of our well boats were lost before Brest; and that 2 of our men of war, the Monk and Charles gally, had run the same fate, had it not been for the conduct and bravery of the marques of Caermarthen, who went thro the midst of the enemies fire, and towed of the said ships after they were disabled: and this morning 2 soldiers were to be shot to death, but the general commanded his secretary to write to my lord Shrewsbury to obteyn their pardon of the queen.

By the same letters we have the melancholly account of the death of general Tolmach, who dyed there the 12th, in the evening, of his wounds he received at Brest, who is much lamented.

Last night captain Salisbury came expresse from the lord Berkly at Spithead with the soldiers on board.

Since our disappointment at Brest several cabinet councills have been held, and orders and dispatches sent to Portsmouth, as supposed, with directions for the forces to goe for Flanders.

Yesterday the commission for the new bank past the great seal, the lord mayor being the first therein.

The Spanish ambassador has dispatched expresses to Cadiz

and to Catalonia to give notice that the English fleet is coming to their releif.

This day a foreign post, dated last Monday, from the camp in Flanders: it brings no account of any action; the French drew up in batallia, and the king also, as if they would fight, and a battle was expected, but the French marcht to St. Tron towards Leige, and the king followed them.

Letters from the Upper Rhine say, that the prince of Baden sent a strong detachment of hussars to fall upon 700 French that had possest themselves of a passe, who executed the design so well that they kill'd 300 and took most of the rest prisoners.

Tuesday, 19 *June*.—An expresse is sent to St. Hellens, that no officer, soldier, or mariner come on shore, so that tis beleived, notwithstanding their late repulse before Brest, they will goe upon some other design.

By the death of general Talmach there are become vacant the places of lieutenant general of the army, collonel of the 2d regiment of foot guards, and the government of Portsmouth.

The lord Cuts and sir Henry Bellasis stand fair to succeed therein.

Admiral Hobson sailed on Sunday last from the Nore with several men of war to find out Dubart with his squadron.

The day before a court marshall was held on board him, where a gunner was tryed, and sentenc'd to be hang'd, for embezilling the kings stores, and 5 sailers to be whipt at the sides of every ship for desertion; which was executed.

This day a foreign maile, which brings, that the castle of Palamos is surrendred to the French on discretion, and the mareschal de Noailles is gone to beseige Barcelona: they make this observation, that notwithstanding the defeat of the Spaniards in Catalonia, it so enraged the mob in several places, but particularly at Saragosa, that they fell upon the French, and killed many of them, and plundered their houses; so that to quiet them the archbishop was forced to goe about in procession with the holy sacrament.

From Vienna, that the Dutch ambassador at Belgrade desires the emperors pasport for an ambassador to come thither from the grand seignior to treat of a peace.

That the Radziens had cutt off a great Turkish convoy carrying provisions to Belgrade, killing the bassa that commanded them.

The imperial and French armies upon the Rhine are encamped within 2 hours of each other; the latter 'tis beleived will repasse the Rhine, the Saxon troops beginning to join prince Lewis, and the Hessians following.

The king is still encamped at Roosbeck; the 24th, two and twenty hussars, with a cornet, came over to us from the French, to whom the king gave 3 guineas a man: the earl of Athlone is quartered a league distant from the army with 14 regiments of horse and 4 of dragoons, but the rest of the cavalry are canton'd in the neighbouring villages: the confederates never had a better army, composing 90 batallions of foot and 170 squadrons, besides 12,000 Brandenburghers: both armies are within 3 hours of each other, and the king resolved to offer battel, so that we may suddenly expect action.

Thursday, 21 *June*.—Sir George Maxwell is taken into custody of a messenger, as concerned with collonel Parker.

Crosby, a prisoner in Newgate, had liberty for an attorney to come to him, but he sliding some papers into his hand, which the keeper perceiving, he was taken and carried before the secretary, and forbid coming any more to him.

Scotch letters say, the parliament there is further adjourned till the 11th of next month; and that 4 vessels, laden with corn, in Leith Road, were burnt by the French privateers.

The case between the king and the bankers was on Tuesday last argued in the exchequer chamber by the two Mr. justice Eyres's, both which were of opinion against the king.

The soldiers on board the fleet that return'd from Brest, we hear, are all landed in the Isle of Wight to refresh themselves.

A Dutch ship come to Cowes brings, that 5 French men of war have taken the factory of Gambay in Guinea from the English.

Yesterday the marquess of Caermarthen, earl of Macclesfeild, and Mr. Goodwin Wharton, who were in the late action before Brest, came to town, and this day made a report thereof in council.

The commissioners for the new bank came this morning to

Mercers Chappel, where the books were open'd: the lords of the treasury came themselves and subscribed 10,000*l.* for the queen, sir Robert Howard and his son 18,000*l.*, sir John Houblon 10,000*l.*; so several others: 'tis said the subscriptions already amount to about 300,000*l.*: such as subscribe before Sunday will be allowed 50*s.* per cent. rebate, and on Monday 40*s.*, but afterwards 'twill fall 5*s.* a day: Mr. Knight, treasurer of the customes, and Mr. Burton of the exchequer, are impowred by the commissioners to take subscriptions for ease of people.

No certainty yet where admiral Russel is.

Saturday, 23 *June*.—This day came in a foreign maile; from Rome 'tis wrote, that cardinal Ottoboni having proposed to the pope to give king James leave to come thither for a place of refuge, telling him 'twould be more honourable to entertain a great and injur'd king then to lay out his money on so many beggars; to which his holynesse replyed, he would not bring the holy see in debt by entertaining a foreign prince, as pope Alexander the 7th had done in entertaining the queen of Sweden.

The governor of Saragosa has caused to be strangled two of the authors of the late tumult, and forbid, upon pain of death, the molesting the French inhabitants.

From the kings camp at Roosbeck, the 28th, they write, that 3000 men of the garison of Leige had possest themselves of an advantageous post; that collonel Coy had beaten a French party, and return'd with several prisoners; that more hussars had left the French service, and the king is forming them into a troop; that the French army was so strongly encampt, that 'twould be difficult for his majestie to attack them; that Boufflers had divided himself from them, and some think he is goeing to Germany to reinforce D'Lorges, who is retiring towards Philipsburgh upon the Saxons joining prince Lewis.

The duke of Leeds is sent for to court to assist in council.

The duke of Devon and the marquesse of Normanby are sworn of the cabinet council.

On Thursday the earl of Macclesfeild was constituted general of the forces that are returned from Brest: so soon as the ships are revictualled they are to embarque again.

General Talmach is bringing hither, in order to be interr'd at the queens charge in Westminster Abby.

The subscriptions for the new bank were this afternoon advanced to above 600,000*l.*, which makes them a corporation, and their charter is passing.

Yesterday died suddenly Mr. Burton, who was a famous sollicitor in the late reigns.

Wrote from Italy, that the garison of Casall consists but of 2000 men, and that the duke of Savoy hath taken the feild.

From Vienna, that the Germans have again raised the seige of Titull.

Wrote from Flanders, that 500 Swisse have deserted the French, and come over to the confederates.

Tuesday, 26 *June*.—Cowes, 23d; yesterday the lord Cuts made a review of all the land forces that were before Brest, and found by the muster rolls that 529 were missing, being either killed or taken prisoners.

Yesterday in the afternoon a great council was held at Whitehal pursuant to an expresse from the king how further to proceed with the land forces and fleet which are now at the Isle of Weight, most of the great officers belonging to the forces attending, where they had their final orders, and this day they are hasting down to Portsmouth to putt the same in execution.

We have news by the way of Scotland, which is generally credited, that 6 Dutch men of war, who were to be joined by 5 of ours in order to intercept Dubart in his return from the northern kingdoms, the commander of ours insisted to command the whole, which the Dutch refused, having a flag ship, and we none; but to accommodate the matter, they offered to lay by their flag, and every captain fight his own ship without any superiority, which ours would not accept of, so left them: next day Dubart, with 15 men of war and privateers, fell in with the Dutch, fought them several hours, sunk one ship of 60 guns, and disabled the rest, and so gott into Dunkirk: he had with him 80 ships laden with corn for the army in Flanders, and 28 more laden with naval stores: upon which the commander of ours is sent for into custody to be examined touching the same.

There is this evening above 900,000*l.* subscribed towards

the bank, and tis beleived the whole 1,2000,000*l.* will be subscribed by Saturday at farthest.

Yesterday was the election for sherifs of this citty, where Mr. Carew, a goldsmith, and Mr. Guy, a bookseller, were unanimously chosen sherifs for the year ensueing, and sir Leonard Robinson, chamberlain.

From Foy in Cornwall wrote, that the Exchange of London foundred 7 leagues off that place, and was lost, with all her cargo, the men with difficulty escaping.

Wrote from Dartmouth, that a Barbadoes ship was arrived at Salcomb, who came thence in company with 40 others, but was seperated from them in bad weather; the rest are daily expected.

There is a foreign post due.

We hear the French army in Flanders is at least 20,000 men superiour to ours in number.

The act for laying a duty upon paper and parchment is much exclaimed against, and thought twill prove very troublesome to officers and attorneys, and there has been some consultations among them not to proceed in any new causes.

Mr. Crosby was examined on Saturday last by Mr. secretary Trenchard: tis said he makes a large discovery.

Tis said the ship called the Exchange had on board 8000 pistolls in gold, and 500*l.* worth of wrought plate, &c.

The earl of Athlone hath taken an advantageous post nigh Leige, which the French seem'd to have an eye upon.

The marshal d'Lorges has orders not to hazard a battle upon the Rhine.

All the men of warr that are at Brest have orders to be equipt forthwith.

Tis said our forces are to make a descent to the eastward of St. Maloes.

Thursday, 28 *June*.—The grand jury for Middlesex have found two bills of high treason against collonel Parker, prisoner in the Tower, and Crosby, a prisoner in Newgate, both which 'tis said will be tryed next sessions.

There was a tryal at exchequer bar this term for an estate in Wales between the earl of Pembroke and the lord Jeffryes, and it went for the latter.

The corps of lieutenant general Tolmach now lyes in state

in Leicester Feilds, and will, according to his own desire, be carried into Suffolk to be interred at Hellmingham Hall, and not in Westminster Abbey, as at first designed.

The forces in the Isle of Wight are all embark'd again, and last night their final instructions were sent to them by an expresse.

The lords of the admiralty had last night an account that the Unity frigat had fell in with a fleet of French corn ships, and took 4 of them.

This days letters from Deale say, that a Swedish man of war was come into the Downs, who came along with Dubart, who had 10 men of war, besides privateers, and the Dutch but 6, and that he took 3 of them, and carried them into Dunkirk; and that about 70 sail of corn ships, besides those gone into Dunkirk, are gone up the Channel; on which the lords of the admiralty have sent an expresse to the lord Berkley to intercept them.

Captain Keggins, commander of the Mountague, said to have differ'd with the Dutch about superiority of command, is come to town to justifye himself in that matter, by observing his orders, which were, for him to goe to the Broad Fourteens, and there join if 3 Dutch men of war were in company, or else to return to the Gun fleet; the latter of which he did, not seeing the Dutch, they being at the other end.

About 200 laden colliers are returned to Sheilds, there being many French privateers abroad on the Irish coast: they have lately taken 14 vessells.

The court of aldermen having given the new sherifs leave to fine, a common hall was this day called to chuse others, who refused to agree with the fines, and so were adjourned till Wensday next.

There is near 1,100,000*l.* subscribed upon the bank.

No foreign post yet.

The pope labours to perswade the confederates to a general peace, and for that end his nuntio at Vienna hath acquainted the emperor that the French king is willing to treat with his emperial majestie, on the foot of the treaty of Westphalia, with the duke of Lorrain, according to the treaty of the Pyrenean, and with the king of Spain pursuant to the treaty of Nimeghen; and there be some of the allies that shew an inclination to

close therewith, and they talk of Aix La Chapelle as a place for the plenipotentiaries to meet at.

The Eagle prize saw the whole fight between the Dutch and Dubart; that he had 18 men of war, and the Dutch but 7, one of which is sunk.

Saturday, 30 *June*.—Yesterdays letters from Cornwall advise, that a French privateer came so near Mounts Bay that she took several fisher boats; but one of our frigats cruizing about the Lands End, fought and took her; she carried 22 guns and 14 patereroes and 64 men.

Plymouth, 26th; yesterday sailed hence the Betty transport ship with 145 French prisoners for St. Malloes, in order to be exchanged.

Wrote from Harwich, that the James gally had sent in thither a French fly boat of 200 tuns laden with corne.

A quarrel hapned at the play house on Thursday night between the duke of Richmond and one Mr. Leonard, whereupon they challenged each other; the duke had for his second collonel Baggot, the other captain Bingham, but as they were goeing to Hide Park were prevented by a party of Dutch guards.

Sir Eneas Mackpherson is ordered to be sent for Scotland forthwith in order to be tryed for high treason.

40 French familyes of Hugonets are lately gone for Ireland to settle there.

The lords of the admiralty this morning received an expresse, that the lord Berkly, with the land forces on board, sailed yesterday morning from St. Hellens.

Their lordships have displaced captain Keggins, commander of the Mountague, and putt captain Bridges in his room; he will be tryed by a court martial.

The earl of Carlisle is made lord lieutenant of Westmorland and Cumberland upon the laying down of sir John Lowther.

Captain Mackdonald, mounsieur La Fountain, and captain Gaughen, are all taken into custody of messengers.

The judges mett this day at Serjeants Inn about explaining several clauses in the act of paper and parchment.

The bank is compleated within 200,000*l.*

We want 2 foreign posts; and as yet have no advice of admiral Russell.

Tuesday, 3 *July*.—We have now 3 foreign mails due, all the pacquet boats being on this side till Wensday last, and since that the wind hath been contrary.

Several of our men taken prisoners in the action at Brest are arrived here from Dunkirk, leaving that place on Fryday last; they say, there was a report that a considerable action had been between prince Lewis and mareschal D'Lorge in Germany, and the latter worsted.

Falmouth, 28 ult.; on Monday a fleet of 10 merchant men past by this port to the eastward, and a fisherman who was on board, and came in here since, sayes, they were 8 merchant men and 2 men of war from Alicant, who give account that admiral Russel had entred the Streights before their coming from thence, and that a man of war belonging to Ostend had taken a Turkish corsair, and sent her into Gibralter.

Plymouth, 29th; a ship belonging to this place is arrived here with wines from Cadiz, and sayes, she came out in company of 60 sail of English and Dutch, convoy'd by 2 Dutch men of war, but parted from them about 200 leagues off; the master sayes, there was a report at Cadiz that the French fleet had been before Barcelona, and gone off, having intelligence that admiral Russel was coming, but first gott a summ of money from the inhabitants, and so pretend to be bought off, and so are gone up higher into the Mediterranean.

Yesterday the lords of the admiralty received an expresse, that the lord Berkly having sent 2 third rate men of war to look after the fleet of Sweeds and Danes, laden with corn and naval stores, gone up the channel for several ports in France, mett them, and brought them into the Downs, being 70 sail, with 2 men of war, their convoy.

The commissioners of prizes have received orders to send down waiters into the Downs to secure the aforesaid Swedes and Danes, in order to dispute the matter, whither they are not laden with contraband goods.

Our merchants had yesterday an account that 4 of our Alicant ships, who came from the Mediterranean, arrived in the Channel, but 'tis feared some of the rest are taken by 2 French men of war falling in amongst them soon after they parted from the Dutch, who went north about.

Lieutenant collonel Butler, who commanded the 3d regi-

ment of guards under the lord Colchester, and Dr. Littleton, prebend of Westminster and minister of Chelsey, are both dead.

Mr. Charnock, serjeant at armes, has taken into custody the duke of Richmond, to prevent his fighting with Mr. Leonard, a 2d challenge being sent him.

The new bank was compleated yesterday at noon: an advertisement will be inserted in the Gazet, when there is to be a general meeting of the subscribers to chuse a governour, a deputy, and 24 directors of the corporation, whose names are to be inserted into the charter that incorporates them.

Thursday, 5 *July*.—Yesterday the common hall of this citty assembled again, and being acquainted that the two lords cheif justices had given it under their hands that the lord mayor and court of aldermen had the sole right of accepting fynes, and that Mr. Guy and Mr. Carew had paid their fines into the chamber, they proceeded to a new election, and unanimously chose Mr. Gooday, a stationer, and Mr. Powell, a tobacconist, to be sherifs for the year ensuing.

Our merchants have the confirmation of two or three Malaga ships being taken by the French, and carried into St. Maloes.

The Little John, a ship from India, is arrived in the Downs, where the 60 sail of Swedes and Danes continue; and processe is forming against them in the court of admiralty to try whither they are good prize or no; and the envoys of the two northern crowns are preparing memorialls to present to her majestie on their behalf.

The French king refuses to discharge several of the prisoners that were taken at Brest, unlesse the English, Irish, and Scotch in the Marshalsea, designed to be tryed as pyrates, be exchanged for them.

The judges have mett several dayes to explain the difficulties upon the act for parchment and paper, which are very great: the clerk of the peace of Middlesex has desired their opinion upon the proceedings of the justices in and out of sessions; whither their warrants, commitments, recognizances, fynes, &c., ought to be stamped; and the judges unanimously declared in the negative: and this day the quarter sessions began at Westminster, and acted pursuant to the said opinion.

This day the lord Cutts came to town, leaving the lord

Berkley with the fleet on the coast of Sussex, and brings, that they had been in sight of the French coast, but were seperated by a storm, and that some of the well boats were lost; and a cabinet council was held thereon to give directions for their further proceedings, and this evening his lordship returns again; and orders are sent to the Trinity house to furnish pylots that are skilled in the French coast.

Mr. Neals lottery now goes on since the bank is compleated.

Letters from Ireland say, the lord Capell is recovered of his late sicknesse, and gone into the country for air.

We want 4 mails, so have no news from abroad to depend on.

Saturday, 7 July.—This evening 4 Holland mails came in, the last of the 12th instant, which sayes, that the prince of Baden understanding that De Lorges had burnt Ladenburgh, and gone to ravage the country, was resolved to oblige him to a battle, or cutt off his provisions; and in order to it, sent a detachment to secure a passe, and the French another, on which a sharp skirmish hapned, wherein the French were repulsed with the losse of 300 killed and 80 taken prisoners, and among the latter was the count de Verue, who commanded the party; after which De Lorges immediately repassed the Rhine, leaving the whole country free; and 'tis said is sending a detachment to Flanders, and another to Piedmont.

Marshal de Noailles invested Gyronne the 19th ult.; took it in 5 dayes; but has laid his design against Barcelona aside, and putt his army into quarters: that the French fleet are gone up to Thoulon on notice that admiral Russel had passed the Streights.

From Flanders, that our army and the French are still in their old camps; that the French are making preparation for some seige, which 'tis beleived is Leige or Maestricht; and as the letters came away 400 of their men came over to us.

The action of Dubart is confirmed in taking 3 Dutch men of war, the Admiral of 70, the other 2 of 50 guns apeice.

Admiral Hobson is now sailed with 14 men of war and 3 fireships to the northward, and is to convoy home our fleet from Norway, and to look after Dubarts son, who is still at Fleckeren, bringing another fleet of corn and naval stores to Dunkirk.

Yesterday a highway man was committed to Newgate, who made it his practice after he had robbed to kill the people, and had done so by 2 or 3 lately.

A court martial has been held at the horse guards, where 3 soldiers were sentenc'd to be shott for desertion.

The lord Berkly continues with the fleet on the coast of Sussex; they took a privateer and 2 fisher boats, who informed them all the French coast are mightily alarmed, the arrear band being up 6 weeks: the bomb ketches &c., seperated in the storm, have rejoyned the fleet, which will speedily putt to sea again.

The officers of the Danish ships lately taken are come to come (*sic*), and have made their application to be discharged, and have been told, that if they have no contraband goods on board they shal immediately be discharged, or have a market price for their commodities: our merchant ships that were goeing out are stopt, for fear they should be taken by way of reprizall when they come into the Sound.

The lord Dalkeith, eldest son to the late duke of Monmouth, will succeed general Talmach in his command of collonel of the regiment of foot guards.

Mr. Powel, one of the new sherifs, will fine of, if admitted.

The lord Ossulstons eldest son is to marry Mrs. Thomas of Wales, the greatest fortune in England, having 5000*l.* per ann. land, besides 50,000*l.* in money.

The Barbadoes fleet, consisting of 20 sail, and the Josiah, a rich East India ship, are arrived safe in the Downs.

Cardinal Howard is dead.

The Poles have killed 2000 Tartars near Camineec.

Russel passed the Streights the 16th of June.

Prince Lewis has killed 400 of the French, took 4 collonels, and 4 other officers.

The French in Flanders are decamped, and gone to Gemblours, and our camp is at Genap.

Tuesday, 10 *July*.—Yesterday an Irish mail came in, which sayes, the St. John Baptist was putt into Youghall in 21 dayes from Cadiz, and brings, that 2 of our frigats, convoying some ships thro the Streights, took a French ship of 66 guns, richly laden, from Smirna to Marseilles, and brought her to Cadiz.

Advice is also come, that 2 of our Streights ships, of great value, are taken by the French, and carried to Thoulon.

Mr. Southern, secretary to the admiralty, has laid down his place, and Mr. Bridgman succeeds him therein.

Major general Churchill, we hear, will succeed general Talmach in his regiment of guards, and collonel Earl be made governour of Portsmouth.

This day was a hearing in council about the Danes and Swedes ships, whither they should be released, but no order made therein.

The lord Cholmley and Mr. Bertie (vicechamberlain) quarelling yesterday at the chocolate house, went out to fight, but were prevented by the guards; but they fought this day, and Mr. Bertie was disarmed.

The subscribers to the new bank this day chose sir John Houblon to be their governor, and Mr. Michael Godfrey deputy governor.

Cardinal Howard hath left his estate to the Convent of English Dominicans, near Brussells, and are to pay some legacyes out of it, particularly 1000 crowns to the lord Arundel of Wardour.

The articles on which the Spaniards surrendred Gyronne are very dishonourable, there being 5000 men in garison, who marched out without arms or baggage, their horse dismounted, save only 10 in each troop, who are to goe to Rousillon by easy marches round the Pyrenean hills, and not to serve against France this campagne.

From Flanders, that our army is in very good condition, and have forage enough where they are for a month, which tis beleived is longer than the French can subsist, so that we may hear of some action.

The dauphins wines not being come up, he sent to our king to borrow 2 load, and his majestie sent him 6.

The Dutch man of war which last week oversett goeing to Holland had a great summ of money on board, and 3 daughters of Van Citters, the Dutch ambassador here, with several other passengers, all which were lost.

Thursday, 12 *July*.—Yesterday came in a foreign mail from the Groyne, and wrote from Cadiz, that the Sussex, a man of war that was cast away with sir Francis Wheeler, lay but in 9

fathom water, and that they are goeing to weigh her up; that a Dutch man of war had taken a French ship of 200 tuns and 12 guns, laden with sugar and tobacco from Lisbon to Marselles.

Yesterday the 24 directors for the new bank were chose by ballotting, viz. sir James Hublon, sir William Scawen, sir John Huband, sir William Gore, sir Henry Furnace, sir Thomas Abney, sir William Hedges; Brook Bridges, Abraham Houblon, Theodore Jansseen, James Bateman, Robert Raworth, Nathaniel Tench, Thomas Goddard, William Patterson, Edward Clarke, Obadiah Sedgwick, John Ward, John Lordell, George Bodington, James Renew, Gilbert Heathcot, Samuel Lethulter, and John Smith.

To morrow will be another common hall to chuse sherifs for this citty, the court of aldermen having admitted Mr. Powell and Mr. Gooday to fine.

An expresse is hourly expected from the lord Berkley, there being advice that he was in Diep Road the beginning of this week.

The bishop of St. Davids was this day convened before the archbishop of Canterbury, there being some irregular practices charged upon him.

Mr. Henry Killigrew is named to compleat the 5 commissioners for hackney coaches.

The sessions is began at the Old Baily; 4 persons are convicted for clipping, and among them Mr. Wilkinson, a goldsmith, and his wife, living in Kings street, Westminster.

The tryals of collonel Parker and Mr. Crosby for high treason are putt off.

Saturday, 14 *July*.—Letters from Dover say, that the Caermarthen pinnace was come in there to stop a leak, who left the fleet the 10th instant before Diepe, but had then attempted nothing by reason of the extremity of the weather, which for several dayes had been so stormy that the whole fleet was obliged to ride at 3 cables distance; and that only a bomb ketch and 2 machine vessells, wherein were lodged some 100 chests of powder to tear up all before it, were nearer the shore, and that the inhabitants were in great consternation.

And this morning came in letters from the lord Berkly, dated on Monday last, much to the same effect, being in Diep

Road; he has sent for the well boats, which were left behind, being thought to be uselesse.

The marques of Caermarthen is returned from the fleet to Rye Bay, being ill of a feavor.

Yesterday the common hall reassembled, and chose Mr. Bolter, a grocer, and Mr. Deagle, a draper, to be sherifs for this citty for the year ensueing, Mr. Gooday and Mr. Powel having paid their fines.

Yesterday Mr. Lassells, an eminent goldsmith in the Strand, dyed suddenly.

A feild of corn of about 10 acres, at Stratford by Bow, beginning to be cutt down, one of the reapers blowing out the ashes of his tobacco on a sheafe thereof, the wind soon kindled it, and thereby most of the feild was consumed.

Thursday night a person was observed to carry a box into a tavern in St. Martins Le Grand, which was esteemed but a bad house; a constable went in and seized him, finding in the box 726 ounces of silver in barrs, supposed to be clippings melted down: so was committed to Newgate.

The judges have attended the lords of the treasury with their explanation of the paper and parchment act, which 'tis beleived will be published in a proclamation.

We want 2 foreign mailes.

This day a soldier was shott on Tower Hill for desertion.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 11th instant, and held the 12th, 13th, and ended this day; where 23 persons received sentence of death, 16 were burnt in the hand, and 7 ordered to be whipt.

Tuesday, 17 *July*.—This day was published their majesties proclamation concerning colours to be worn on board ships, prohibiting other then the kings ships to wear their majesties Jack, called the Union Jack.

Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails, which say, the Venetians have taken Ciclutt, a strong town, from the Turks in Dalmatia.

From Vienna, that the general rendevouze for the imperial forces is appointed at Peter Waradin, the better to support that garison; and that the 8000 Turks that past the Danube for to revictual Gyula were returned to Belgrade, being not able to effect the same.

The bishop of Breslaw is elected grand master of the Teutonick order.

De Lorges is fortifyeing all the passes on the Rhine against Manheim to prevent prince Lewis's comeing over, who lies with his army between Heidlebergh and Philipsburg; and tis beleived will undertake some seige, which the government of Philipsburgh apprehending, has sent to D Lorges for a reinforcement.

From Paris of the 13th wrote, that the French fleet were gone into Thoulon, and their galleys into Marseilles.

That the army under Noailles having taken in several fortresses about Gyrone, were goeing into quarters, 4000 of their horse being detached for Piedmont.

The same letters add, that admiral Russel in 21 dayes after he left the lord Berkley arrived as far as Barcelona with 78 English, Dutch, and Spanish men of war.

The duke of Savoy is prepareing to beseige Nice or Villa Franca while our fleet is in those parts.

From the kings camp of 19th, that Luxemburgh having moved from St. Tron within 2 hours march of Maestricht, and received a great convoy from Mons, with several thousand pyoneers, which look'd as if they intended the seige of that place, his majestie thereon held a council of war, wherein twas resolved to follow them to hinder their executing thereof.

This day came in another foreign mail of the 22d from our camp, which say, 3000 Brandenburgh horse had joyned his majestie; that the duke of Bavaria was doeing the like with his forces; that all the horse were ordered to come up, and the whole army decamping towards the enemy: as the letters came away, advice was brought that the vanguard of our army fell in with a party of French that were convoy to a great many waggons from Namur, several of which they took, killing 180, and took 125 prisoners.

No account since the Gazet from the lord Berkly.

Great quantities of powder are loading at the Tower for the use of that fleet, so that 'tis beleived they have a further design then burning Deep.

Bartholomew Walmesly, esq., a gentleman of Lancashire, is taken up for high treason, and Dr. Pleydall, archdeacon of Sussex, for misdemeanour.

The dead warrant is come down to Newgate for executing 21 persons.

Thursday, 19 *July*.—The lords of the admiralty have ordered four bomb vessells and 2 machine ships to be sent to the lord Berkly.

Major Baynes of the horse guards succeeds collonel Butler in the lord Colchesters troop, and collonel Roger Pope is made querry in the room of the said collonel Butler, deceased.

Collonel Wynn and collonel Mathews, who have both regiments of dragoons, are made brigadeer generalls.

Letters from Paris say, that an envoy extraordinary was come there from the republique of Genoa with an account of admirall Russell's being come into the Mediterranean, had demanded the liberty of their port to winter in, otherwise to make use thereof, and prayed his majesties directions what they should doe in this conjuncture.

Dr. Welwood, who lately absented himself from the rest of the commissioners for sick and wounded while the matter was depending in council about some of them corresponding with France, came this day to the board as formerly.

The charter of the company for the new bank is now setled, and will forthwith passe the seales.

Yesterday 11 men and 3 women were executed at Tyburn: amongst them was Wilkinson the goldsmith, with several others for clipping: one Paynes, convicted for murder, who by the confession of one of his accomplices has killed 5 or 6 persons in a short time; he kickt the ordinary out of the cart at Tyburn, and pulled off his shoes, sayeing, hee'd contradict the old proverb, and not dye in them: and this day one Butler and Jewster were executed in Spittle Feilds for murdering a rich old woman there, and after robbed her of a great summ of money.

Mr. Bolter and Mr. Deagle having fined for sherifs of this citty, this day the common hall assembled again, and chose Mr. Willoe and Mr. Tregey, 2 rich Walloones, who 'tis beleived will also fine.

No foreign news since the last.

Saturday, 21 *July*.—Yesterday cam ein a Groyne pacquet, bringing letters from Cadiz, &c., which say, admiral Russel did not touch there, but sent an advice boat before for the English,

Dutch, and Spanish men of war in that port to join him; he is gone forward, and 'tis said will visit Thoulon or Marseilles, where the French fleet and gallies are.

Tis generally said here that admiral Russell will winter in the Mediterranean, and that 300,000*l.* will be remitted in bills to him for the use of the fleet.

Letters from Edingburgh of the 14th say, that some ministers commissioned by the general assembly to treat with the episcopal clergy of the north of that kingdom, (who have not hithertoo been suspended,) they mett at Aberdeen, where, instead of coming to an agreement, the latter protested against their commission, and drew up an appeal to the next lawfull assembly that shall sitt.

Last night Mr. Goodwin Wharton arrived expresse from the lord Berkly, and brings, that his lordship having seen the whole town of Diep laid in rubbish, and the transport ships in that harbour &c. destroyed, with the losse only of 5 of his men; that he weigh'd anchor the 14th, and arrived before Havre de Grace the 16th, which is a regular fortifyed town; about 5 that evening several bomb vessells were sent in, and, notwithstanding the opposition from the forts &c., they played their bombs with that successe, that the town was presently in flames in several places, and when the expresse came away half of it was destroyed; during the action a bomb from the enemy sunk captain Silvers bomb vessel, the marines leaping into the sea to save themselves: of 100, eighty were taken up safe: the captain lost a leg, which 'tis beleived will kill him.

Several tenders from the fleet are come to St. Hellens for fresh water, whereby 'tis concluded his lordship may attempt something further on the French coast.

Burford the highway man, who last year killed Mr. Chambers the goldsmith, was yesterday condemned at Chelmsford assizes in Essex for the same.

We have now news from admiral Russel, dated the 1st instant, off Tangier, that he was joined by 8 English and as many Dutch men of war, making 63 ships in a line of battle; but the 7 Spaniards were not come up, and he would not tarry for them, but was gone on to pursue his instructions.

We want a foreign mail.

Tuesday, 24 *July*.—The matter relating to the Suedish and

Danish ships sent in by the lord Berkly has been heard at Doctors Commons, and 5 of them that were laden at Dantzick with corn, being not the product of their own countrey, were condemned as prize; the others, so laden, are to be sett at liberty, provided they sell their corn either here or in Flanders: some others, laden with naval stores, are also made prize.

The homeward bound Streights fleet, consisting of 42 sail, under convoy of 3 men of war, from Alicant, Malaga, and Cadiz, are safely arrived in the Downs.

On Sunday last the duke of St. Albans, the lord Arran, &c., went for Flanders as volunteers, where our army exceed the French both in horse and foot.

Orders are sent to the Tower to expedite 10,000 bombs and 10,000 carcasses to the lord Berkly, who is expected with his squadron at St. Hellens to take in refreshments, and then return to the French coast and bombard some other of their maritime towns.

A fleet of victuallers and store ships are preparing to sail to the Mediterranean for admiral Russel under the convoy of 6 men of war: several ships bound for the Streights &c. take the benefit of their convoy.

There is no certain account of the French fleet being gone into Thoulon; it's discours'd they are above 70 sail of men of war, and design to fight admiral Russel.

Several disaffected gentlemen, and [of] Cheshire and Lancashire, &c., are taken into custody; and yesterday several fine horses were seized between Dover and Canterbury goeing for France.

The archbishop of Canterbury has appointed commissioners to visit the bishoprick of St. Davids, and not to suffer Dr. Watson to doe the same.

There is come into the exchequer 210,000*l.* upon the annuities of 1, 2, and 3 lives in the tonnage act.

Mr. Dent, rector of a living near Bristoll, is made prebend of Westminster in room of Dr. Littleton, deceased.

We want 2 foreign mails.

Thursday, 26 *July*.—Yesterday came in 2 foreign mailes; what they brought of moment is in this dayes Gazett.

Wrote from Paris, that the king sent a patent to mareschal d'Noailles to constitute him viceroy of Catalonia; and has

given king James a tenth part of all prizes that shall be taken from the English, Scotch, or Irish.

That some English ships from Cadiz &c. have been lately brought in by the French privateers.

Letters from Turin say, the Vaudois have taken 120 horses and mules laden with provisions for Catinats army, and defeated their convoy.

The duke of Savoy is preparing to take the feild with the confederate army, which is very strong there, and 'tis said will either march into Provence, or beseige some important place.

Deale, 24th; yesterday the Greenwich came in here to take in fresh water for rear admiral Hobson, whom he left on the back of the Goodwin Sands, looking after the French privateers: he brought in 6 Swedish ships as prize, laden with corn for France.

Lodgings are preparing in the Savoy for 200 prisoners, to be tryed as pyrates, being the kings subjects, taken in French privateers.

Yesterday the charter for the new bank passed the seals.

Yesterday her majestie went to Greenwich to view queen Elizabeth pallace there, which is to be converted into an hospital for seamen.

Mr. Robinson, his majesties resident in Sweden, is made prebend of Westminster, and not Mr. Dent, in the room of Dr. Littleton, deceased.

Mr. Tregey and Mr. Willow having fined for sherifs of this citty, the common hall mett again this day, and chose Mr. Clarke, a woodmonger, and Mr. Fountain, a butcher, the former living at Deintry, the latter at Abington.

Her majestie has received an expresse from the lord Berkley, that he was come with his squadron to Spithead to refitt and revictual, having laid 3 parts of Havre de Grace in ashes, sett fire to their magazine of navall stores, and blew up another magazine in which was a great deal of powder.

Saturday, 28 *July*.—The names of some of those gentlemen lately committed to Chester goal for being concerned in a plott against their majesties, are, the lord Mollineaux, sir William Gerrard, sir Thomas Clifton, Mr. Massey, and Mr. Walmesly: both horse and arms are also seized: and a great many lookt after fled for the same: and upon search into the affair, 'tis

found to be a conspiracy carryed on by the gentlemen of Cheshire and Lancashire: tis said to be detected by a person now in custody. Some letters are also intercepted, there being in one of them an expression, that they would now doe the queens businesse, if she were not immortall: 25 cases of pistolls, as many swords and horse accoutrements, are found at the house of Mr. Standish of Standish.

Instructions are sent to several lords lieutenants to make diligent search after several disaffected persons.

The earl of Macclesfeild, sir Martin Beckman, cheif engineer, and collonel Richards, since the coming of the lord Berkly to St. Hellens, are come to town, and given her majestie an account of their proceedings before Havre d' Grace; and that the Elizabeth and Firedrake bomb ketches, with 5 small men of war, were detached to destroy St. Villeroy, a town without defence. The forces on board are to debarque, and encamp under the walls of Portsmouth to refresh themselves, and in 14 dayes time all things will be ready for their goeing out again on some further design.

Nine large brasse mortars are sent from the Tower to Portsmouth for the use of the fleet.

Yesterday Mr. Eppington and Mr. Dod, both Warwickshire gentlemen, quarelling upon the latter selling a horse to the other, fought, and Mr. Dod was killed, and the other sent to Newgate.

A foreign maile is wanting.

Tuesday, 31 *July*.—Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails, but brought little remarkable; the armyes continue much as they were.

From Aeth wrote, that 1200 foot and some horse had broke the French lines near that place, and took 2 redoubts, and brought away above 1000 sheep and 300 oxen.

The letters add, that his majestie went at the head of a great detachment of horse and foot near the enemies camp to provoke them to a skirmish in order to draw them to a battle, but they kept close in their trenches: 'tis beleived in a little time the dauphin will leave the army, and return to Versailles, after which Luxemburgh will hazard a battle.

Wrote from Genoua, that the duke of Savoys intendant of the artillery is gone to Finall to prepare bombs &c. for the

confederate fleet, and others are gone to Oneglia to doe the like: 'tis now discours'd that Tourville has orders to sail out of Thoulon to oppose admiral Russell.

One Czetiefe, prince of Arabia, pretending to be descended from Mahomet, has taken on him the title of emperor of the Turks, gained many followers, and seized the treasury of Mecha, which 'tis beleived will hinder the march of the Asiatick troops for Hungary.

Wrote from Germany, that general Sawyer has taken a considerable passe near Philipsburgh.

Prince Lewis was resolved to passe the Rhine, and D'Lorges had positive orders to oppose him.

Colonel Antonio, cheif of the Radziens routed a party of the Turks that were going to revictual Temiswaer, killing 1000, and the rest retired to Belgrade with 1500 wounded men.

Last night was held an extraordinary council at Whitehall, where the lord Berkly, sir Martin Beckman, and Mr. Masters, the Dutch engineer, attended. where matters were concerted about hastning the fleet to sea again.

Some dragoons are ordered to the northern coasts to prevent the French privateers landing there, which are coming out of Dunkirk, and will be joyned by 6 men of war from Brest.

The Scarborough frigat of 30 guns is taken in St. Georges Channel by 2 French privateers; the captain was killed e're she surrendred.

One of the Irish packet boats is also taken.

Thursday, 2 *Aug.*—Last Paris letters advise, that many of the people bombarded out of Diepe were gone for Dunkirk to serve in the privateers, there being 32 fitting out under Dubart.

That the fathers of the oratory at Diep were come to Paris, their covent being destroyed.

The king has remitted 100,000 livres to the bishop of Rouen to be distributed among the sufferers in the late conflagration.

That the mareschal d'Noailles had taken by stratagem the castle of Assaralick in Catalonia, and sent a detachment to beseige that of Viga's.

Yesterday was another grand council at Whitehal relating to the fleet under the lord Berkly, but the result kept secret; to morrow his lordship goes for Portsmouth, and will sail next

week; the 3 regiments on board the fleet, viz. Cutts, Colliers, and D'Radoes, are ordered for Flanders, as also sir Henry Bellasis's.

Yesterday the new bank paid into the exchequer 112,000*l.*, which they did by their bank bills, sealed with the seal of their corporation, being the Britannia sitting on a bank of money: they have now chose all their officers: Mr. Clerk, parliament man for Taunton, being chosen a director, desired to be excused, because he cannot attend in town, and to morrow they chuse another in his room.

Forty merchant ships are taken to carry provisions to admiral Russel, so tis concluded he will winter in the Mediterranean.

The Scotch and Irish coasts are much infested by French privateers.

Collonel Fountaine and captain Williamson are both sent to Newgate for treasonable practices, the latter said to be principally concerned in those papers Anderson, Newbolt, and Butler were condemned for.

Most of the kings messengers are gone into the countrey to bring up several gentlemen already secured in Cheshire and Lancashire, and to secure others; Mr. Walmesly, in custody of a messenger, is committed to the Tower for high treason.

Saturday, 4 *Aug.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail; from Savoy they write, that 400 French had deserted to the confederates; that a fire had hapned at Pigneroll, which consumed their great magazine of hay, and did much more mischeif; and that the news of admiral Russel's being come into the Mediterranean had alarmed all the French coasts of Provence, insomuch that the inhabitants of Marseilles had begun to remove the best of their effects.

From Madrid wrote, that the marquesse of Florida is sent from Barcellona to complement admiral Russel on the part of the king of Spain, and that 20 galleys at Carthagena are ordered to join him.

From the kings camp at Mount St. Andre, Aug. 9th; we have had excessive rains, with much thunder and lightning, notwithstanding which, his majestie has held a watchful eye over the enemy, to fall on their rear when they moved: there is no coming at them in their camp, they being trebly intrenched.

As the letters came away, advice was brought that Boufflers,

with his flying camp, had pass'd the Meuse; and 'tis beleived the whole French army will doe the like, forage being very scarce in both camps.

The earl of Athlone, with a party of horse, mett 400 French foot, most of which he killed and took.

A body of horse from Leige took 500 French horse a foraging.

Upon letters yesterday received from his majestie, a cabinet council was held at Whitehall, the commissioners of the admiralty, navy, victualling office and transport ships attending, as also the lord Berkly and sir Martin Beckman, relating to some further attempt upon the French coast.

The council have agreed to restore William Penn to his collony of Pensylvania, but are altering some lawes for the better government thereof.

Mr. Clark, one of the new chosen sherifs, has given bond to hold; but Mr. Fountain has excused himself, making oath he was not worth 10,000*l.*

Four machine ships are getting ready with all expedition to follow the lord Berkly.

The earl of Macclesfeild, with only 4 regiments, goes on shipboard.

Tuesday, 7 Aug.—Letters from Plymouth of the 3d say, that the Weymouth had brought in there a French privateer of 24 guns and 134 men, being one of the best saylers belonging to St. Maloes.

Thirty merchant ships, under convoy of 3 men of war, 3 of them bound for the East Indies, and the rest for the West Indies, passed by that port, one of our light frigats having given notice there and at the other ports that the ships designed for those places to join, which they did accordingly.

An expresse is come to the queen, that captain Bembo, who was detached by the lord Berkly with 5 small frigats to observe the fortifications of St. Malloes, stood in there with French colours, whereupon a boat came out, and before she could perceive her mistake was gott within command of our guns, soe she was forced to come aboard; which 'tis beleived may be of great service if we attack that place.

Captain Bembo is returned to Spithead with the said pylots and 9 ships he took on the French coast.

Collonel Richards has fixed 3 mortars, sent by land to Portsmouth, on board the ketches, but 6 mortars sent by sea are not yet arrived there.

Tis still said our fleet under admiral Russell will winter in the Mediterranean, except 5 or 6 of the greatest ships, which will convoy our homeward bound merchant ships; and those men of war that goe with our outward bound Streights fleet are to stay in their roomes, and they carry with them all sorts of navall stores for the grand fleet.

A reform is made among the commissioners of the customes, sir John Worden, sir Richard Temple, and Mr. Booth are turn'd out; and sir Walter Young, Mr. Chadwick, and Mr. Clark, formerly warehousekeeper, are putt in: the like is done in the excise, Mr. Wilcox, Mr. Horneby, and Mr. Aram are displaced, and Mr. Clark, parliament man for Taunton, Foot Onslow, and John Danvers, esqs., are putt in.

This day the encampment at Hounslow Heath began, where the lord Macclesfeild, lord Arran, and collonel Windsors regiments of horse, as also collonel Lees dragoons, appeared.

Sir Richard Atkins regiment of foot are marching to Chester to embarque for Ireland.

Tallies are struck in the exchequer for a million of money to pay the army at home and abroad.

A foreign mail is wanting.

Thursday, 9 Aug.—This day came in a foreign mail, which confirms the defeat of the bassa of Asia, and the taking of Mecha and Medina by the prince of Arabia, where was a vast treasure; he putt to death several persons of note, and threatnens to doe the like to others as will not own him emperour.

The armeys on the Rhine continue in their old posts, as doe those in Flanders, Boufflers only having passed the Meuse.

The Paris Gazet sayes, an English frigat of 56 guns was taken coming from America, on board whereof was collonel Kendall, late governour of Barbadoes; and there is a report that colonel Russell is also taken goeing governor thither.

A pacquet from the Groyn brings by letters from Cadiz, which say, that admiral Russel was off Barcelona the 8th past; and adds, that a Genoese fell in with our fleet, and gave them an account that Tourville was come out of Toulon with 70 men of war, 8 fresh ships having lately join'd him.

The ship Joseph of 300 tunns is arrived at Plymouth from Guinea, and brings a favourable account to the African company of their affairs there, which has made their actions rise.

The earl of Dorset is married to the late lord Allingtons daughter.

The lord Nottingham is gone to reside at Exton house in Rutlandshire at the lady Gainsboroughs, while Burleigh house, which his lordship lately bought, belonging to the duke of Buckingham, is fitted up.

The prince and princesse of Denmark came yesterday to town from Twickenham.

Colonel Smith, nephew to the earl of Rumney, is gone to his government of Dover castle, vacant by the removal of colonel Beaumont.

Captain Roberts of Dover, sir George Maxwell, Mr. Allibon, brother to the late judge, sir Thomas Stanley, and others, are taken into custody here for treasonable practices, as are several gentlemen of other parts besides Cheshire and Lancashire.

This day came an expresse from the lord Berkley, that last night his fleet was off Dover, and er'e this 'tis beleived are in the Downs; 11 machine ships are sayled out of the river to join him.

The Foresight frigat has brought into Falmouth a French ship, richly laden, from St. Domingo, in the West Indies, bound for St. Maloes.

Saturday, 11 *Aug.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail, which brings, that the dey of Tunis has putt himself at the head of an army to oppose the Algerines, who were more numerous, and a battle ensued, in which the last prevailed, and killed and made prisoners above 2000 of the former, taking all their baggage, with 15 cannon, and since made themselves masters of the towns of Bege and Tunis.

The king of Spain has sent to several of the princes of Germany to hire some veterane soldiers to send to Catalonia, declaring he will never make peace with the French without the consent of the allies.

From Savoy, that his highnesses dragoons have taken the post of Tivelett, putting the French to the sword, which opens a passage to the gates of Pigneroll.

The duke of Savoy has made prince Frederick of Branden-

burgh general of his army, which 'tis beleived will break into Provence, and act something considerable, while admiral Russel is in those parts.

From Vienna, that general Heusler is hastned to command the army in Hungary in room of count Caprara, who is indisposed; and 'tis beleived they will open the campagne with the seige of Temeswaer, the Turks being very backward this summer.

Letters from the kings camp at St. Andre in Flanders of the 16th say, forage is scarce in both camps; that his majestie finding it impossible to oblidge the enemy to a battle, they being so fortified in their camp, resolved next day to march towards the plaines of Fleurus.

Several skirmishes have hapned between the enemies and our foragers, wherein the troops of Leige took 7 or 800 French horse.

A master of a ship come into Dartmouth in 13 dayes from Faro, near Lagos Bay, sayes, the news there was, that admiral Russel had beat the French fleet, destroying 20 of them; but little credit is given theretoo.

Mr. Clark, who gave bond to hold as sherif, is since admitted to fine.

The new bank yesterday elected Mr. Knight of the custome house to be a director in the room of Mr. Clark; they have also appointed a committee of 15 to make by laws.

This day a cabinet council was held, and I hear a messenger is ordered over land to admiral Russell with fresh instructions.

The Haerlem Courant and other foreign prints say, the emperor of China and several of his prime ministers are turnd Christians.

Tuesday, 14 *Aug.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail of the 19th, which sayes, the Turks have revictualled Gyula for 2 months, but the convoy in their return was defeated by generall Polland, who kill'd 100, and took as many prisoners, with the aga that commanded them.

That a train of great guns and mortars were sending from Buda to form the seige of Temeswaer.

From Venice of the 6th, that the Turks, with 16,000 men, have invested Cyclut, and began to batter the same; that

general Delphini, with a strong body of men, was advanced within 2 hours march of 'em in order to oblige them to quitt the seige.

From the Rhine, that 250 French horse appearing near Rhinfeldt, were sett upon by a party of that garison; 50 of them killed; 2 captains, a lieutenant, and several soldiers, taken prisoners by the Germans.

From Paris of the 13th, that the king had sent circular letters to convoke the assembly of the clergy, and would demand of them 18 millions of livres as a gratuity; and designs to establish 3 new parliaments, one at Lyons, another at Poictiers, and a 3d at Tours, which will bring 13 millions more into his coffers.

From the kings camp at Sambreese in Flanders, Aug. 19th; yesterday we came to this place, our right wing stretching towards Flerus; upon our motion the enemy march't all night, and encampt within a league and half of us, having a river in front: our army, considering the season, are in good health.

Saturday night colonel Parker, prisoner in the Tower for high treason, escaped thereout in disguise, which being thought to be done by connivance of his warder Hill, he was this morning committed to Newgate for high treason in suffering him to escape.

Yesterday the Groyne pacquet brought an expresse from admiral Russel, dated the 16th of last month, in Alquier Bay, 6 leagues eastward of Allicant, where he was taking in fresh water, and from thence would sail directly to find out the enemy, who are at Tholon; but a scout ship of theirs taken gives account that Tourville was sending Chatteau Renaudt with 30 men of war back to the ocean.

Deal, 11th; yesterday sir Cloudesly Shovell, with this fleet, came into the Downes; sent to the Danish man of war, convoy to the prizes, (lately brought in,) to strike his flag; which he refus'd, sayeing, he had orders not to strike to any princes flagg whatever: whereupon sir Cloudesly ordered the Sterling Castle of 70 guns to lie by him all night, supposing the captain might be drunk, but he being in the same humor the next morning, the Stirling Castle poured a broad side on him, which the Dane returned, and a sharp engagement was betwixt them, in which the Danes flagg was struck down, and immediately

up again, and so continued till we boarded and took her: we had about 8 men killed, and the Danes 40: their captain was mortally wounded: on this occasion a cabinet council has been held, in which 'twas agreed that the ship and officers be secured, and satisfaction demanded of the king of Denmark for the affront: tis generally thought to be done by order of that king to make a breach.

Thursday, 16 *Aug.*—Letters from Paris of the 15th say, the duke of Savoy had laid aside his design of entring Provence; and tis beleived he will open the campagne with the seige of Susa, but that 6000 French had possessed themselves of the hills about it, in order to putt themselves therein upon occasion.

That a great many horse were marching to join Catinat, and by the beginning of September would be as strong as the confederates.

From Venice, that their fleet, with 14,000 land men on board, were saild towards the Archipelago; and if the captain bassa would not come out and fight them, they would endeavour to render themselves masters of Scio.

The Danish minister here has presented a memorial to the queen, declaring, that what the Danish captain did in the Downs was not by order of his master; and an expresse is sent to his majestie, with the particulars thereof, for his pleasure to be known therein.

A stop at present is putt to the ships that were goeing to the northern kingdoms, and admiral Hobson is ordered forthwith to the Sound to convoy home our merchant ships.

A proclamation will speedily be published for a general fast to be kept the 29th instant in town, and the 19th of next month throughout England.

The names of the 15 persons chose yesterday to prepare bylaws for the new bank are, sir Bartholomew Shore, sir Jeremy Sambrook, sir John Cope, Slingsby Bethell, Francis Beyer, Cha. Chamberlain, Samuel Dodd, Peter Ducane, Mich. Godfrey, Wm. Gulston, Nath. Gold, Fran. Gosfright, Robert Liddall, Nath. Tench, and John Woolfe.

The queen has signed a revocation of part of coll. Fletchers commission relating to Pensylvania, and signed a warrant to restore William Penn to that colony.

His majestie has granted a pention of 2000*l.* per ann. to the duke of St. Albans, half out of the first fruits.

Mr. Dod, gentlemen goaler of the Tower, is displaced for letting collonel Parker escape thro his neglect.

A proclamation is published for the apprehending collonel Parker, with a reward of 400*l.*

Saturday, 18 *Aug.*—Thursday night last Mr. Benjamin Way arrived expresse from sir William Beeston, governor of Jamaica, leaving that island the 24th of June, and gives an account, that the Sunday before the French from Hispaniola, &c., taking advantage of the late earthquake and sicknesse, landed 500 men in Cow Bay, 7 leagues from Port Royal, having with them 6 men of war, 2 privateers, and 20 merchant ships, on board which were 3000 land men: the enemy advanced about 30 miles into the countrey, burning and destroying all before them; and had not captain Elliot and a negro escaped from Guadelupa in an open boat, and gave account to the governor of their design to attaque them, they would have been surprized, when as now all the coasts are deserted, the forts garrisoned, the governour encamped at Kingstowne with 3000 men, where they expected the enemy, who were but a mile distant when the expresse came away, and 'twas thought would fight next day, and the islanders in good heart to receive them. The letters add, that sir William Beeston had armed 500 negroes, promising any that should kill a French man his freedom. Our merchants, upon this news, went yesterday to Whitehall, praying speedy assistance, which was promised them; and I am told, the governour, who is a merchant, will be removed, it being requisite in time of war to have one skilled in military affairs.

From Scotland of the 11th, that the Sweepstakes had brought into Leith a French privateer of 6 guns and 50 men, which he took near Aberdeen; and that some other privateers had landed some men; but the coasts were so well guarded, that several were killed, and others taken.

Yesterday Mr. Webster and Mr. Langham were chosen sherifs of this citty, who 'tis beleived will also fine.

Last night came from the lord Berkley in the Downs an expresse, that he had all things ready, and would sail so soon as the stormy weather was abated.

And this day came in another from him, that he was ready to sail the 1st fair wind.

Sir Charles Cæsar of Hartfordshire is dead.

Port letters give an account of the taking several small French privateers by our cruizers.

We want a foreign mail.

A proclamation is published by their majesties for a general fast, to be kept within the weekly bills of mortallity upon Wensday the 29th of this month, and throughout England upon Wensday the 19th of the next month, for imploring Gods blessing and protection upon their majesties, and prosperity of their arms.

Tuesday, 21 *Aug.*—The captain of the Danish ship that fought the Sterling Castle is putt on board the London at the Nore, a guard being sett over him; and the ship he commanded is brought into the river, in which a company of foot soldiers are putt.

Her majestie has ordered the discharging all the Suedish and Danish ships lately brought into the Downs, except those condemned as prize.

A person lately escaped from Dunkirk says, the governour has laid his magazines in deep vaults, and disposed the ships at convenient distances, that if any one should take fire by our bombs, it should not burn the rest.

From Guernsey of the 15th they write, that 2 of that island privateers had brought in there 3 prizes.

From Falmouth, that a French privateer pursued an English merchant ship so farr into Mounts Bay that she ran a ground, whereby all the French were made prisoners, and the ship will be saved.

Another French privateer, as she was chasing 2 English ships into the river of Barwick, struck on the sands, and was lost with all her men but nine.

Yesterday 2 of collonel Lees dragoons were convicted by a court martial for deserting; and to morrow the camp at Hounslow Heath break up by reason of the wett weather, and goe into quarters.

Colonel Lees dragoons are ordered towards the sea coasts, to prevent the mischief by French privateers.

I am assured, that 2 regiments of foot and some men of war will be forthwith sent to Jamaica; our merchants continue to presse it earnestly, sayeing, that tho the French may be beat off this time, they are satisfied they will return with a greater force, and besides, are in pain for the outward bound West India fleet, which some time since went hence.

Yesterday a person brought to Whitehall for her majesties view a large fish of 9 foot long, which came into Harwich, called a sword fish, scarce ever known in those seas before.

Yesterday the articles formerly exhibited against Dr. Watson, bishop of St. Davids, were before the archbishop of Canterbury, and being proved upon him was suspended ab officio; and 3 commissioners are appointed to visit his see, in order to proceed further against him.

Last night captain Aldred and another as they were preparing fireworks in a garret in Fleet street, (to be used on shipboard,) the powder accidentally took fire, killed one of them, and took of a legg and an arm of another.

On Sunday the lord Berkley sailed with his fleet out of the Downs towards the French coast, but the storms forced him back.

This day the court of aldermen took Mr. Langham's fine for sherif, and told Mr. Webster they'd consider whither to take his by next Thursday.

We want 2 foreign mails.

Thursday, 23d Aug.—Tuesday last several clippers were seized in Golden Square with all their utensils, and above 500*l.* in iron money halfcrowns, besides 300*l.* in clippings.

The same day captain Stow, who was seized two years since for high treason, and made his escape, was retaken and committed.

Yesterday the commissioners for appeals of prizes mett in the council chamber at Whitehal the 1st time, and heard some businesse, and then adjourned to that day 7night.

The committee for foreign plantations also mett, and had under their consideration the affair of Jamaica.

Orders are sent to the men of war which are to convoy the victuallers for admiral Russel to sail forthwith: they carry with them provisions for December, January, and February,

the fleet having before sufficient to the 1st of December, and are to winter in the Mediterranean if the French slip not back to the ocean.

The cause for suspending the bishop of St. Davids was for his granting institution after the archbishop had inhibited him, and when the institution came to his hands refused to return it to the officer to have it registred: there are also other articles against him from the clergy of his diocesse, but his lordship appealed to the lord keeper.

Mr. Ewers, the great conveyancer of Lincolns Inn, is dead.

Orders are passing the seals to grant Mr. Robinson, our agent in Sueden, 40*s*. per diem, who before had but 20*s*.

This day came an expresse from Falmouth, which brought letters from admiral Russel, bearing date the 3d instant, from Barcelona; his fleet was in good condition, and the French are still in Thoulon.

Mr. Hutchins, commander of the Allyance pacquet boat, in his way from the Groyn took a French merchant ship of 400 tuns and 14 guns, and brought her into Falmouth.

Three foreign mailes are now due.

Saturday, 25 *Aug.*—The expresse from admiral Russel, mentioned in my last, brings further, that so soon as he had taken in some little refreshment, would pursue his course to find the disposition of the enemy, who are at Thoulon; that our Turky fleet are still at Cartagena; one of their convoys proving leaky, the admiral has sent another to supply her room, and ordered the leaky ship to be refitted.

The republick of Genoa have agreed to pay the money demanded of them by October next, as also 2000 measures of corn, which they are to deliver at Finall.

Wrote from Plymouth, that the weather was so tempestuous on the 19th, that the Robert of London, laden with sugar and indico from the West Indies, burthen 150 tunn, was drove ashore to the eastward of Loo; the men and most of her cargo saved, but the ship entirely lost.

There are letters from Portugall say, that that king is equipping divers men of war, and listing of men, which gives jealousy to their neighbours that the French king may hire them to join his fleet in the Mediterranean; upon which the Spanish ambassador has signifyed the suspition the confederate princes

have taken upon it, least they may be made use of to their disadvantage; but has received an answer in the negative.

They likewise add, that one Mr. Brown, an English merchant, made there a noble treat upon the news of admiral Russell's arrival in the Mediterranean, for the English envoy, Mr. Methwin; and the company drank plentifully: the young gentlemen went a serenading, which occasioned a quarrel with the natives, in which some of them were killed, as one of Mr. Methwyn's sons, and one Mr. Houblon, and some others wounded.

Yesterday Mr. Sweetapple, a goldsmith, was chose sherif of London, who, with Mr. Webster, 'tis believed, will hold the year ensueing.

From Scotland, that the Swiftsure frigat was arrived at Leith with sir Eneas Mackpherson on board, in order to be tryed for high treason.

Captain Keggins, who refused joining with the Dutch when Dubart took 3 of their men of war off the Broad Fourteens, was yesterday tryed for the same, and acquitted.

Mr. Hawles of Lincolns Inn is sworn one of the kings council.

Colonel Fitzpatrick is dead.

Two hundred shipp carpenters are ordered to be imprest to send to admiral Russel.

We want three foreign posts.

Lord Berkly continues still in the Downs.

Tuesday, 28 *Aug.*—On Sunday came in three foreign mails; the most material things they brought are in the Gazet.

Letters from Italy say, that the duke of Tuscany has granted liberty to admiral Russel to make use of the port of Leghorn, and have what necessaries he wanted; and sent a gentleman of his bedchamber to complement his arrival in the Mediterranean.

The general discourse here is of the long marches the two armies took out of Brabant to French Flanders, which 'tis supposed the king did to bring the dauphin to a battle, but could not doe it.

The French cavalry marched above 60 miles in 2 dayes; the mareschal de Villeroy, with 4000 horse, and a foot man behind each, advanced so speedily as to gett to Pont Esperies

(a bridge over the Schelde) before his majesties forces could arrive there, which stopt our passage over that river, which obliged us to goe 25 miles about, and hereby the French gott to Courtray, between us and Dunkirk.

The king has sent for 20,000 pioneers, and has 56 vessells, with all necessaries for a seige, by which 'tis concluded he will beseige some town.

Sir William Russel, a captain in collonel Coy's regiment, was killed when the armyes canonaded each other.

Our merchants had yesterday the good news that the Russel gally, worth 60,000*l.*, was arrived from Leghorn without convoy; she was feared to be lost, and 50*l.* per cent. was ensured on her.

The lord Berkley, with the 1st and 2d rate men of war, are coming into the river to be laid up; and sir Clowdesly Shovell, with the 3d and 4th rates, commands the expedition upon the French coast: they are expected to sail to morrow.

The Ruby frigat has taken a French privateer of 16 gunns.

Mrs. Thomas, the rich Welsch heiresse, is dead of the small pox.

John Pascall, esq. is made a commissioner of the prize office in the room of Phillip Darcy, esq., deceased.

Captain Bucknal is nominated to command the squadron goeing to Jamaica.

Yesterday's foreign mail is wanting.

Thursday, 30 *Aug.*—This day the sessions began at the Old Baily, and divers bills of high treason are found by the grand jury against some of the conspirators, whose tryalls will be deferred till next week, when a special commission of oyer and terminer will come forth to try them.

The lord Griffins house with several others have been searched for collonel Parker, but as yet not heard off.

Five persons seized in a small vessel, supposed goeing for France, are bringing up to town.

A cause depending between the bishop of Bath and Wells and his chancellor and register about their fees, his lordship compounded with them the day before the tryal came on at the assizes at Wells.

Captain Weyman, having been tryed on board the fleet for not obeying the marques of Caermarthens orders at Brest, is

casheered, and the pay due to him ordered to the chest at Chatham.

The lord Berkley came yesterday to town.

Sir Clowdesly Shovel is not yet sailed, as we hear.

The greatest part of Mrs. Thomas's estate falls to captain Thomas, in collonel Brewers regiment of foot.

Mr. Webster, chose sherif of London, has fined, and 'tis beleived Mr. Sweetapple will doe the like.

Dr. Hacket, bishop of Downe, &c. in Ireland, being deprived therefrom, and dean Pooley put in his room, he yesterday petitioned the queen, alledging, the proceedings against him were illegall; but nothing was done therein.

The last letters from Amsterdam say, they had advice by way of Alicant, that admiral Russel had taken a second scout ship of the enemy, who informed him, that Tourville had orders to passe the Streights into the ocean, and in order theretoo was to divide his fleet into three squadrons.

Tis beleived the men of warr fitting out in Portugal are designed to join the French, and fall upon the English and Dutch in the West Indies.

To morrow will be two foreign mails due.

Saturday, 1 *Sept.*—This morning came in 2 foreign mails, the 1st dated Sept. 3d, new style, from our camp at Winenghen in Flanders, which sayes, the heavy baggage was next day to march for Ghent: the French are at Rosclaer, near Courtray, having been joined by several batallions from the neighbouring garisons.

That the troops drawn out of Leige and Maestricht having been encamped for some dayes near Ghent, are ordered to march again.

The 2d is of the 6th of September, from our camp at Woolarghan, which sayes, that our army came the day before thither; that the French are still near Courtray; and have sent 6000 men towards Furnes to cover that part of the countrey.

A party of ours fell upon one of the enemies, killed 20, and brought off 65 prisoners.

That another of our parties had taken 60 of the enemies horse near the canal of Bruges.

From Vienna, that the grand vizier is making two bridges

over the Save, and another over the Danube, as if he would attack Peter Waradin.

From the Rhine, that prince Lewis of Baden has brought 50 cannon from Hailbron; and has sent to the circles of Swabia, Franconia, and the town of Frankfort, to furnish him with waggons, which he will load with bombs, &c.

A German party has surprized Wilstadt, 4 hours march from Strasburgh, which will incommode the French there.

Yesterday 36 merchant ships and 14 victuallers, bound to admiral Russel, sailed out of the Downs, under convoy of 2 men of war.

Sir Clowdesly Shovell, with the expedition squadron, still remains in the Downs, and fresh instructions are sent him from the lords of the admiralty.

Sir Henry Bellasis's regiment of foot and 2 troops of collonel Wynnes dragoons are ordered for Flanders.

Yesterday Mr. Eppington was found guilty of murther, for killing Mr. Dodd in the Haymarket.

Mareschal d'Humieres is dead at Paris.

Admiral Russel has taken several French victuallers goeing to Thoulon.

Tuesday, 4 *Sept.* — The last foreign letters bring these particulars from Paris, that the king has made Dubart a nobleman of France, giving him for his arms the citty of Dunkirk, and 2 anchors apeke.

That king James was returned to St. Germains from Abby D' La Trap; and having sent to Rome for a supply of money has received a cold answer theretoo.

From Madrid, that the king of Spain had sent admiral Russel a present worth 24,000 peices of eight, and one of half that value to the Dutch admiral.

This day's letters from Deal say, that sir Clowdesly Shovell had his topsayles loose, designing to sail for the coast of France: he is nominated to command the winter squadron.

On Sunday a person was taken in St. James Park with 2 pistolls laden in his pocket, his walking staffe being a gunn: he was committed to the custody of a messenger on suspition of treason, and that night made his escape out of the top of the house: 'tis beleived his crime was deer stealing.

This morning was another common hall, and sir John

Foache, a scrivener, chose sherif, who 'tis beleived the court of aldermen will oblidge to hold with Mr. Sweetapple for the year ensueing.

This evening 9 persons received sentence of death at the Old Baily, among whom was Mr. Eppington for the murther of Mr. Dodd, 2 highway men, 2 clippers, &c.

And 'tis said the sessions will be held again next week by special commission for the tryal of the state criminalls upon account of the plot, who are expected this night or to morrow in town from Cheshire, &c.

Mr. Dyer, the news writer, having ridicul'd the said plott by sayeing there was only some few rusty swords, fowling peices, and hunting saddles, found with the conspirators, his recognizance for his good behaviour is ordered to be estreated into the exchequer.

A foreign post is wanting.

Thursday, 6 *Sept.*—This day came in a foreign mail from the kings camp at Rosnell in Flanders of the 9th instant, N. S.: they write, that his majestie the day before, with great part of the army, came thither, being within 3 leagues of Courtray and 4 of Ipres and Dixmude, in the enemies countrey: the left wing, being most English horse, with the troops commanded by count Thyan, remain at Wenteghem.

The duke of Holstein Ploen is gone towards Leige to command at the seige of Huy, which is to be carryed on by the Brandenburgh horse and the garisons of Leige and Maestricht; some letters say tis already invested. The enemy continue between Courtray and the Moselle, being strongly intrench'd: they have sent a detachment to cover Ipres, besides that gone to Furnes, which latter 'tis beleived his majestie will attaque.

Some words passing between lieutenant collonel Forbes of lord George Hamiltons regiment, and lieutenant collonel Brown of the English train, about their quarters, they fought with sword and pistol, and the former killed.

Our Turky fleet sailed from Cartagena on the 13th of August under convoy of 8 men of war for Smirna, &c.

Deal, 4th; this day sir Clowdesly Shovell, with the expedition squadron, sailed out of the Downs for the coast of France, but the weather being stormy they came to an anchor off the South Foreland.

The squadron that was cruizing before Dunkirk are returned into the Downs; and admiral Hobson, with the Kent, Elizabeth, and other ships, is gone into the Sound to convoy home our merchant ships.

Captain Williamson, Mr. Crosby, &c. have orders to prepare for their tryals next Munday; and last night the lord Mollineux, sir Rowland Stanley, sir Thomas Clifton, sir William Gerrard, Mr. Blundel of Crosby, Mr. Langstone of Lo, Mr. Lee of Lime, William Wood, Richard Jackson, and John Wilson, state prisoners, were brought hither out of Cheshire and Lancashire, by the several messengers, in whose hands they are to be kept till they can be examined before secretary Trenchard, who comes to town on Munday next.

Mr. Eppington has gott a repreive for some dayes.

Ammunition and other warlike stores are shipping off at the Tower for Jamaica, whither 2400 men will be sent, drawn out of the regiments here.

This day the council resolved that the parliament should be prorogued to the 25th of next month.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 30th of last month, and held the 31st, and the 1st and 4th of this, where several criminals were tried; 15 were burnt in the hand, 12 received sentence of death, 4 ordered to be transported, 1 fined, and 1 to be whipt.

Saturday, 8 *Sept.*—By a ship arrived from Ostend we have advice, that the French finding Huy not tenable, blew up the castle, and quitted the place.

That the dauphin has reinforc'd Dunkirk with 6000 men, and sent monsieur Vauban to view the fortifications thereof.

That Dubart has revictualled 8 men of war, and watches for an opportunity to sail.

Twenty four pilots are come from Holland, and gone on board sir Clowdesly Shovell at the South Foreland, who will sail the 1st wind.

A speciall commission is ordered for tryal of the English, Scotch, and Irish pyrates, taken on board the French privateers, on the 15th of October next.

Plymouth, 4th; yesterday the Weymouth frigat, captain Jumper commander, brought in here a French privateer, called

the Town of St. Mallo, of 30 guns and 180 men, which he took 40 leagues south west off Scilly.

That the Thomas of London is arrived here from New England, who sayes, the merchant ships bound for that countrey, under convoy of the Kings Fisher and Coronation, are safely arrived; and that the Indians there begin to be troublesome to the plantations.

That a Flushing privateer had brought in 3 prizes; one of them a retaken English ship, called the Endeavour.

A pardon is passing the seales for the Irish lord Kingston, he being in rebellion with king James in that kingdom.

We have an account from Warwick, that a fire begun there last Wensday in a flax shop, and burnt most part of the town.

Sir John Foche and Mr. Sweetapple, chosen lately for sherifs, are admitted to fine, and next week will be another common hall to chuse again.

The tryalls of Williamson, Crosby, and Fountain, which were to have been next Monday, are putt off to next sessions.

A foreign mail is wanting.

Yesterday was published their majesties proclamation for proroguing this present parliament from the 18th instant to the 25th of the next month.

Tuesday, 11 *Sept.*—Deal, 10th; yesterday [sailed] the expedition squadron, being 20 men of war, 10 fireships, 14 bomb ketches, 12 machine ships, 6 storeships, and that night anchored in South Foreland, and this morning were out of sight, standing towards Dunkirk; Mr. Meesters, inventer of the machine ships, having brought sir Clowdesly Shovell pylots from Ostend, that are well acquainted with the French coast, our English pylots not thinking themselves sufficiently skilled to undertake it.

Mr. Maynard, second son to the lord Maynard, is dead, whereby a tellers place in the exchequer, worth 2000*l.* per ann., is become vacant; and 'tis thought Mr. Herbert, that married the duke of Leeds daughter, will have it.

Mr. Squibb, an underteller, is also dead, and will be succeeded by Mr. Glanville.

Tis said Mr. Bennet, son to the lord Ossulton, is to marry Mrs. Crew, one of the heiresses of the lord Crew.

Yesterday a fine new yatch was launched at Chatham, built purposely for his majestie; and on Thursday a new 6th rate man of war will be lanched at Deptford, called the Solebay.

Mr. secretary Trenchard being not come to town, the state prisoners brought from Cheshire &c. have been examined before the duke of Shrewsbury; some say they will be tryed next month; others, that the matter will be laid before the parliament.

Yesterday's letters from Warwick say, the great church, and most of the trading part of the town, is ruined by the late fire there, and the losse is computed at above 100,000*l.*

Five burglars, that robbed a gentleman's house near Ampthill in Bedfordshire, were so closely pursued, that 4 of them were taken, and committed to Hartford goale.

We want a foreign mail.

Thursday, 13 *Sept.*—This day the lord mayor called a common hall, who elected Mr. Sweetapple a 2d time, and Mr. Calvert, a brewer, sherifs: the former will have his fine again.

The Spanish ambassador endeavours to make an interest at court to have the earl of Clancarty, major general Dorrington, and brigadeer Mackellicut, Irish officers in the Tower, exchanged for some Spanish officers taken in Catalonia.

Orders, we hear, are sent to the lords lieutenants of Cheshire and Lancashire to disarm all persons that will not take the oaths, and bind them over to the sessions.

Edingburgh, 6th; yesterday another popish priest was seized, with papers, &c.; the 3 taken before are committed close prisoners, without pen, ink, or paper.

The popish earl of Aboyne was examined by the council, and committed to Sterling castle.

It's said the bank of England is to remitt 300,000*l.* to admiral Russel in the Streights to pay the fleet.

Sir Clowdesly Shovell has signified to his seamen, that he will distribute 500*l.* to the men of every machine ship that does an exploit before Dunkirk: and this day an expresse came from the Downs, that the Portland sloop brought advice, that sir Clowdesly had joined admiral Hobson before Dunkirk; and that the seamen of Dubarts squadron were planting cannon to defend the forts.

Our merchants have letters this day, and 'tis confirmed at

Whitehal, that collonel Russel is arrived at Barbadoes, and has sent men of war and forces to chase the French from Jamaica: notwithstanding what the Paris Gazett said, he was taken by a French privateer, and carried into Bayonne.

Yesterday the duke of Shrewsbury committed to the Tower the lord Mollineux, sir William Gerard, sir Rowland Stanley, sir Thomas Clifton, and Mr. Lee; and this day 2 others to Newgate.

We want 2 foreign mails.

Yesterday 3 men were executed at Tyburn, one for robbing upon the high way, and two for clipping.

Saturday, 15 *Sept.*—Yesterday dyed the earl of Rivers, father to the lord Colchester; and 'tis said the earl of Salisbury is also dead.

Two Dutch mails came in yesterday; they bring, that the Turks and Tartars, about 50,000 strong, have passed the Save, upon which general Caprara was gone to the army in Hungary; that the Germans have taken an aga; and that general Polland had surprized 2 palanks at Gyula.

From Paris, that a bomb, taking fire by accident at Brest, sett fire to 100 more, which killed several soldiers.

From Savoy, that their army, after 5 dayes seige, took Fort St. George, near Casall, the garison surrendring at discretion: that the parliament of Turin had published a decree confirming the duke of Savoys edict in favour of the Vaudois, and prohibiting the popes decree against it.

That admiral Russel was off of Corsica, and Tourville barricadoed in Thoulon.

From the kings camp at Roselaer, 13 Sept.; the enemy is strongly intrench'd near Courtray, having detacht about 16,000 men to cover Ipres and Menin, and 6000 men sent to Furnez.

That quarter master general Topp marched with 600 horse and dragoons to Dixmude to mark out a camp near that place.

That Huy was to be invested yesterday by the duke of Holstein Ploen with the troops of Leige.

The same day 20 squadrons of horse marched that way from our camp near Deynse, and 'tis said the French are sending 6000 thither.

Yesterday above 100 French were taken, and 20 killed on the place.

From the kings camp, 16 Sept.; Cook and Simmons, two of the kings messengers, were taken a foraging half a league from the duke of Bavaria's quarter, and sent back by the duke of Luxemburgh this day, having been well entertained by him.

Several detachments have been made towards Huy, where the trenches were to be open'd yesterday.

Part of the English fleet appeared on Tuesday last off Graveling, on their way to Dunkirk.

Deal, 14th; this day the machine ships came in here; and the bomb vessells are ordered immediately to the fleet near Dunkirk, with design to burn Calais.

Mounsieur Goad is coming from Denmark to satisfye her majestie as to the complaint made against the Danish captain for not striking sail; and to remind her, that 3 English frigats passed by Cronenburgh where his master was present without saluting him.

Tuesday, 18 *Sept.*—Deal, 16th; last night the Unity frigat, with 13 bomb ships, sailed out of the Downs to join the fleet which will sail for Calais.

This day came in here the Smirna Merchant, and Garland frigats from sir Clowdesly Shovell, with the rest of the machine ships, from Dunkirk.

Plymouth, 14th; this day past by this port the Streights fleet, with the victuallers and store ships, bound for admiral Russel.

Jonathan Cope, esq., member of parliament for Stafford, is dead.

A letter from admiral Shovell's squadron gives an account, that the design upon Dunkirk proves abortive, by reason of the spring tides, and designs of the enemy, so that our machine ships could doe no service; upon which the Dutch engineer, finding it impracticable at present to perform with the machine ships, has sent for the bomb vessells to burn Calais.

Four companies of colonel Hasting's regiment are ordered to doe duty at Chatham, to preserve the great ships from any attempt that may be made.

This day the parliament mett, and were by commission prorogued to the 25th of next month.

Letters from Vienna say, the Dutch ambassador could not gett a passeport to Belgrade; and that general Caprara had

paid the army 3 months subsistance, and found them 32,500 foot and 7300 horse, besides general Veterani's troops.

Wrote from Hull, that the Saphire frigat had taken a French caper of 8 guns and 42 men.

Last night 3 highway men were taken in this citty.

Just now admiral Hobson, with his flagg in the Dreadnought, is come into the Downs, having left part of his fleet before Dunkirk.

We want 2 foreign mailes.

Thursday, 20 *Sept.*—Plymouth, 16th; three commissioners for inspecting our dock are arrived here, viz. Mr. Southwell, Mr. Pett, and Mr. Dunmer, who were mett by the cheif inhabitants of the town.

To morrow the queen, with the lady Darby, goes incognito to view the cathedrall of St. Pauls.

Tuesday the archbishop of Canterbury went to Westminster Abbey, and prorogued the convocation to the 25th of October next.

Next week the new farthings will be delivered out at Vintners hall, and all the old of a true stamp will be exchanged.

Several merchants, owners of privateers, have formed a new proposal to be presented to the parliament, that in case they may be better encouraged then by the last act, they will equipp 50 sail, and one half of them to be upwards of 30 guns, and may serve as cruizers, convoys, &c.

Engineer Richards has perfected his invention of destroying any great ship with a small one, for that all the shotts he sends forth are to be granadoes discharged out of a gun, which never before could be attained.

Last night the lords of the council, treasury, &c. satt, and setled the recalls of seamen, much to the seamens content.

The commissioners of the navy have given in a list of 14 frigats and 6 men of war for the line of battle that will quickly be off the stocks for next summers expedition.

The lord Spencer, son to the earl of Sunderland, is married to the youngest daughter of the late duke of Newcastle; and the lord Feversham's neice is to be married to the old earl of Strafford.

Yesterday, Mrs. Bennet, mother to the countesse of Salisbury, was murdered by a butcher, who broke into her house.

Mr. Calvert being admitted by the court of aldermen to fine as sherif, to morrow will be a common hall for another election.

On Sunday one of the sect of the quietists arrived from Rome, and held forth at the Bull and Mouth, near Aldersgate, and his discourse was more rationall then the ordinary sort of quakers, making a large confession of his faith.

The earl of Rivers lies in state.

No Dutch post yet come in.

Saturday, 22 *Sept.*—On Thursday last was a hearing in council upon a complaint made by the coast register of the customes of Jersey, that some of the earl of Monmouths soldiers there had imprisoned and beat him, and taken away some French goods that he had seized as his right; accusing them also for corresponding with France: they also accused him of trading with the French, and that therefore they took away the said goods: upon which the matter was referred to another hearing.

The same day was a hearing before the court martial upon a complaint made against a Dutch colonel and his major for false musters, and 'tis resolved to proceed further thereon next Munday.

Yesterday a lieutenant and ensign of colonel Beaumonts regiment were tryed for false musters; the first was suspended and the other broke for the same.

Yesterday the queen received an expresse from sir Clowdesly Shovell, that he was returned with the fleet into the Downes; and that the Dutch admiral was run aground, but got off; that the Sally Rose broke from her anchor, and the whole fleet was forced to cutt cables, the weather having been very stormy; but he intended to sail for Calais as soon as the weather was favourable.

This day the council sat, and the East India company attended about their charter, and were ordered to attend again upon Monday.

The commissioners of the admiralty were then called in about sending further provisions &c. to admiral Russel.

Mr. Adams, a scrivener, is chose sherif of this citty, who holds with Mr. Sweetapple.

The patentees for making pitch and tarr in England have

made a considerable quantity as good as that which comes from the northern countreys.

This day dyed Mr. Henry Nevill, a member of parliament in 1642.

The admiralty have ordered 12 men of warr to cruize at the Chops of the Channel, and the Hampton Court to be commodore.

Three foreign posts are wanting.

Tuesday, 25 *Sept.*—Letters from Plymouth of 21 July say, a Flushing privateer has brought in 2 French prizes, the one a merchant ship of 6 guns, and the other a banker of 14 guns, richly laden.

Mr. secretary Trenchard is perfectly recovered, and is expected in town in 2 dayes, after which the duke of Shrewsbury will goe into the country for 3 weeks.

A special commission of oyer and terminer is goeing down to Lancashire and Cheshire for tryeing the prisoners of state that are in custody there; the judges appointed in the commission are, the two judge Eyres, baron Turton, and baron Powel.

Orders are sent to admiral Russel to winter at Cadiz; they mett him at Malaga; and he will have a winter guard in the Mediterranean of 25 men of warr.

Mr. Allen, the messenger, has brought to town several prisoners, which he took at Canterbury and other places in Kent.

A French spy is seized at Rochester; he pretended himself a physitian, but his papers discovered that he has been several times in France since the revolution, and 'tis beleived he gave an account of our naval stores and preparations.

Dr. Brevint, dean of Lincoln, is dead; and the dean of Exeter lies very ill.

This day mounsieur St. Amand, the late kings apothecary, and 2 French merchants, were taken into custody for treasonable practices.

Saturday last 12 of the pyrates were examined at Doctors Commons before the judge advocate, &c.

The French have transmitted hither a new cartell for exchange of prisoners; that in case we will exchange the English, Scotch, and Irish taken in privateers acting with king

James's commission, they will release all the prisoners taken at Brest, as also any other that fall into their hands.

Deal, 23d; sir Cloudesly Shovell, with 27 men of war, 19 bomb vessells and machine ships, continues still in the Downes.

The yatchs are fallen down the river to fetch his majestie over; and admiral Hobson will command the squadron that brings him.

Thursday, 27 *Sept.*—The lord mayor and court of aldermen having fined Mr. Adams for contempt 500*l.* in not appearing after he was chosen sherif, they yesterday held a common hall, and elected Mr. Cole, a dry salter, in his room, and he immediately gave bond to hold with Mr. Sweetapple.

Tuesday a new fifth rate frigat, called the Drake, was launch'd at Cuckolds Point; and the same day a new sixth rate was launched at Limehouse.

Falmouth, the 22d; a Flushing privateer is come in with advice, that on the 18th he fell in with 14 French frigats within a league and half of Ushant, from whom he stood into the Bay of Biscay; and the next day he came up with 2 Swedes, who the 18th left our Streights fleet and the victuallers, as he beleives, above 40 leagues before the French frigats; so that 'tis hoped they will misse them.

John Murray, esq. is made commissary and paymaster general of the forces that goe to Jamaica, and also judge advocate.

The two regiments that goe to Jamaica are named by the king.

Sir Cloudesly Shovell is come to town, and has signified to the queen, that all the publick charts and mapps of the French coasts are false; and that he has now taken an exact account of all the sands, depths, soundings, &c. about Calais and Dunkirk.

This day the privy council went thro' the regulations of the East India company.

Six persons brought up in custody from about Ipswich were examined by the council for obstructing the impressing of seamen.

Yesterday 9 Dutch men of war sail'd out of the Downs to cruize before Dunkirk.

The king is now come to Loo.

That prince Lewis has invested Landau.

The Dutchesse of Grammont is dead in France.

The king has deferred his naming a teller in the exchequer till he comes home.

Saturday, 29 *Sept.*—Yesterday Mr. Sweetapple and Mr. Cole were according to custome sworn sherifs of this citty for the year ensueing.

And this day sir Thomas Lane was elected lord mayor for the year ensueing.

Last night Mr. secretary Trenchard came to town, being perfectly recovered.

A Zealand caper has taken near Algiers a rich French Turky ship of 18 guns, and carryed her to Palermo.

Yesterday being the last time to pay in money upon one, two, or 3 lives, the books were closed, being full.

Last night the lords of the treasury declared his majesties pleasure, that Guy Palmes, son of William Palmes, esq., member of parliament, should succeed Mr. Maynard in the place of one of the tellers of the exchequer.

Falmouth, 24th; yesterday came in from cruizing on the coast of Spain a Middleburgh privateer of 18 guns, with 4 prizes; two laden with rozin, a 3d with fish, and a 4th with tobacco.

The council have ordered detachments to be drawn out of the 2 marine regiments to goe with collonel Faringdon's regiment for Jamaica.

Yesterday a general court of the members of the bank of England mett at Mercers Chappell, where the governor, sir John Houblon, acquainted them there was a necessity for their removing out of that place, and therefore he had taken Grocers Hall for 11 years; and told them the bank was in a flourishing condition, and that the bylawes were prepared, and laid before serjeant Levinz.

The Garland frigat, with 2 other men of war, are ordered to cruize between Harwich and Ostend, to clear those seas of privateers.

Captain Sandersons new yatch is ordered for the king.

The Salley Rose is arrived safe at Ostend.

Yesterday the East India company's charter passed the seals.

A foreign mail is due.

Tuesday, 2 Oct.—Wrote from Paris, that the late queen of England makes pressing instances to oblige her husband to goe to Modena to take possession of that dutchy fallen to her by the death of her brother; with the revenue whereof, and the French kings allowance, she hopes to live better then at the French court.

They write from Plymouth, that the 27th the Adventure sailed thence for St. Malo with 480 French prisoners, to be exchanged.

On Sunday a Jacobite conventicle was disturbed by the kings messengers in Holborn, and 3 persons taken into custody, one whereof is a nonjuring parson.

Mr. Dickenson, a gentleman of Cheshire, is taken into custody.

The last week several cart loads of feild peices and other warlike materialls were brought into the Tower; and yesterday were shipt off there 10 peices of brasse cannon for the new yatch, called William and Mary; and also 2 mortars and 500 bombs for Jamaica.

Yesterday Mr. Sweetapple and Mr. Coles, the new sherifs, attended with the lord mayor, and were sworn before the barons of the exchequer at Westminster; and the old sherifs past their accounts; after which, the company, with the exchequer officers, were entertained by the new sherifs at Goldsmiths Hall.

Sunday it was resolved in council, that the marquesse of Caermarthen, with a squadron of men of war, should convoy the king.

An office is erecting in the Starchamber, adjoining to the exchequer, for Mr. Lownds of the treasury to pay the fortunate &c. who ventured in the lottery.

From Bristoll wrote, that the Margaret, the Society, and the Factor, are arrived there from Virginia, being given over for lost.

Last night the commissioners of the admiralty received advice, that the Dutch flagg ship, commanded by Vandergoes, driven by a storm, was arrived safe at the Ulie in Holland.

Yesterday mounsieur Heurse, a French merchant, with Mr. St. Amand, the apothecary, were bailed.

Sunday a popish preist was seized at a masse house in his vestments, and the names of his hearers taken.

The duke of Beaufort is come to his house at Chelsey, but has not been at court.

Mr. Dupre is seized as a spy, having the French kings passe, and bills of exchange about him.

Admiral Hobson, having had a fall from his horse, lyes sick at Deal, and has sent for his lady.

A vessel is come into one of the western ports from the Streights with advice, that the Spaniards have taken the castle of Pan in Catalonia from the French.

This week the 4 judges goe for Cheshire in order to try the state criminalls there.

No Dutch post come in.

Thursday, 4 *Octob.*—This afternoon came in two foreign mails from the imperial camp, near Peter Waradin'; they write, that the two armies continue canonading each other; that the auxiliaries of Brandenburgh, with the 4 regiments commanded by generall Polland, had joined the imperialists; and that general Veterani was on his march, with 6000 men, to join them also.

That prince Lewis, by reason of the continual rains, has been obliged to repasse the Rhine, after having raised 3 millions of florins contribution, and carried of 14,000 head of cattle; the troops of Hesse have likewise repassed it: the hussars have killed 300 French in a rencounter, and took 70 horse from them.

From Flanders, that 500 of the garison of Mons, pretending to belong to the garison of Aeth, came to count Tilly's flying army in the night, past the guard, and took him out of his bed in the night in his tent, and carried him to Mons; upon which the duke of Holstein Ploen immediately sent an expresse to Maestricht to ransom him.

His majestie has been to visit Leige and Maestricht, and came the 6th to Loo.

Wrote, that Tourville is ready to sail from Tholon to the ocean with 33 men of war in the line of battle, 6 frigats, 10 fireships, and 18 vessells laden with corn.

Tuesday last a gang of highway men robbed several butchers goeing to Rumford, but being pursued, 4 of them were taken at Whitechappell.

Yesterday the councill satt in the treasury chamber, where

the lords of the admiralty, commissioners of the navy and victualling office, attended, in relation to the fleets at home and abroad; and they ordered a m^r of the attendance and other considerable officers to goe forthwith to Cadiz to take care of the latter.

And this day the council ordered the parliament to be further prorogued from the 25th instant to the 6th of next month.

Letters from Guernsey say, that a privateer of that island had drove ashore and burnt 4 French merchant ships.

Collonel Lillingston is appointed commander in cheif of the land forces designed for Jamaica; and has given in proposalls to carry over accoutrements in order to mount 200 horse there upon occasion.

Saturday, 6 Oct.—This day was published their majesties proclamation, declaring, that the parliament that were to meet the 25th of this month should be further prorogued to the 6th of the next, requiring then the attendance of the members of both houses for the dispatch of businesse.

This day came in a foreign post: from the imperial camp, near Peter Waradin, Sept. 23d, they write, that both armies are still in their old posts; that the Janizaries which were on board the Turkish fleet mutinied, refusing to serve there; and had not a great summ of money been distributed among them, they had returned to Belgrade; however, their fleet is retired a league from ours.

That general Caprara had caused another bridge to be laid over the Danube in case any crosse accident might happen to that before made; and resolved to give the enemy battle as soon as general Veterani arrived with his troops.

That the Algerines have laid seige to Tunis, and the Venetians to Mitelino, the capital citty of that island.

Loo, 11th instant; his majestie designs to be at the Hague Munday or Tuesday next, where his stay will be but short.

The earls of Warwick and Ryvers wait for a fair wind.

The elector of Cologne is preparing to goe and take possession of his bishopprick of Leige.

The elector of Bavaria is gone to Brussells, and the duke of Holstein Ploen to Roselaer, to command the confederate army till they goe into winter quarters.

The late king James is retired into the Abby De La Ragne,

having dismist several of his servants, and gave them leave to goe for England, and his queen to the nunnery of Choytell upon the death of her brother the duke of Modena.

Sir James Montgomery is dead at St. Germains.

The magazine of Strasburgh is burnt by accident.

A troop of collonel Wynns dragoons, which lately went hence for Flanders, was taken by French privateers, and carried to Dunkirk.

Count Tilly, it's said, is come back, having his liberty upon his paroll.

Two Dutch East India ships arrived in Holland say, they parted with 4 English East India ships off the Cape of Good Hope, viz. the Modena, Bengall, Sampson, and Charles the Second, two of which are said to be arrived at Kingsale.

Wrote from Bristoll, that the prize lately brought in there by the England frigat was worth 30,000*l.*; and there was on board a pacquet from Martineco, which sayes, the French had quitted Jamaica after burning some plantations.

Mr. Neales lottery was finished this night, and the 4000*l.* ticket fell to himself.

Tuesday, 9 *Octob.*—The foreign letters bring, besides what in the Gazet, from Italy, that the cardinal D'este had taken possession of the dutchy of Modena, as next heir male, whereby queen Mary is defeated.

From Germany, that the campagne on the Rhine was at an end; that D'Lorges would goe for Paris the 16th instant; and that prince Lewis of Baden was sending a detachment of his troops for Hungary, which were to embark on the Danube at Nether Hulme.

The duke of St. Albans, with the earls of Rivers, Scarborough, and other persons of note, arrived here last Sunday from Holland.

His majestie is expected in few dayes from Holland; the guards this day went towards Harwich &c. to attend his landing.

Yesterday the million lottery began to be drawn at Guildhall, the commissioners attending from 9 til 3 in the afternoon: there were drawn about 2000 tickets, 48 whereof were prizes, but none above 100*l.*, except that first drawn, which was 150*l.*, and fell to a cobler.

To morrow the state prisoners brought out of Lancashire,

Cheshire, &c. are to be conducted back thither; and the next day the judges sett forward for these counties in order to try them there; and Mr. serjeant Gold and Mr. Hawles of Lincolns Inn goe the kings council.

Several persons taken on board French privateers will be tryed on Monday next as pyrates.

Mr. Crosby in Newgate has notice to prepare for his tryal this sessions.

Mr. Whitfeild, the late kings cardmaker, Mr. Holmes, a Scotchman, Mr. Adams, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Donelane, are taken into custody for treasonable practices.

A great summ of money was seized in the river in a Portugeese ship, which 'tis beleiv'd was goeing to king James.

On Sunday last the lord Mohun attempting to kill a coachman in the Pall Mall, and Mr. Scobell, a Cornish member of parliament, preventing him, his lordship cutt Mr. Scobell over the head, and after sent him a challenge.

Thursday, 11 *Oct.*—An officer arrived here from Holland sayes, the king is come to the Hague, where he was received with much joy; and has been in the assembly of the states general; and so soon as he had setled with them the state of the war for the next year, and done some other businesse, he would come for England; which may be about next week.

He sayes, all the foreign ministers at the Hague had complemented his majestie; and the emperors envoy gave him an account (which he had just then received from Vienna) that general Veterani was arrived from Transylvania, and had joined the German army under count Caprara, which then made about 50,000 men; whereupon the general was drawing the army out of their intrenchments in order to give the Turks battle.

Yesterday the million lottery drew 69 prizes, and this day 62, but none yet exceed 100*l.*

The board of ordnance are making great provisions of bombs, &c.; they have contracted for 50 tunn of shells, half of them to be 18, 20, and 22 inches diameter; and 20 new brasse mortars are to be cast; and some bomb vessells are upon the stocks.

Another fleet of provisions and stores is getting ready to be sent to admiral Russell.

This day the 4 judges sett forward for Lancashire &c. to try the state criminalls; they open their commission at Manchester the 17th, and the 23d at Chester.

This day a petition was presented to the council board from the citty of Norwich, complaining, that two inhabitants there were chosen sherifs who will neither stand nor fine.

Another from Orford in Suffolk, complaining of a trick putt upon the town by the dissenters in the choice of their mayor, whereby they had gott one of their own party chose.

This night came in a foreign post, which brings from Vienna, that the Turks had taken the little island of Osnowitz above our camp; that the hussars had taken 25 barks, laden with provisions, goeing to the Turkish army: some letters say, the grand seignior is dead; others, that he had sent orders to the vizier to take Peter Waradin, or loose his head.

Paris letters say, the lord Pagett is dead at Constantinople.

From Holland, that the king has given the second regiment of foot guards to the lord Cutts.

The postscript of a letter from the Hague sayes, the Turks are beat.

Saturday, 13 *Oct.*—The transport ships that take on board the land forces, provisions, and stores of war designed for Jamaica, depart from Gravesend next Monday in order for Portsmouth, where the said forces are to embark; their convoy consists of 4 men of war and a fireship.

Yesterday the million lottery drew 66 benefit tickets, the highest 50*l.* per ann.; and this day they drew 68, the highest 200*l.* per ann.

Plymouth, 8th; a person is come here from Scilly, being sent to the lords of the admiralty with an account that 30 French men of war were near those islands, and had taken a boat belonging to them, wherein there was an ensign and a serjeant, whom they detained, but sent the boats crew on shore, and that the French gave out that they were sayling for Mounts Bay in Cornwall; but this day there is an account at Whitehall, that the said ships were only some French privateers, who, putting out English colours, decoyed our boat to them off Scilly.

Sir Clowdesly Shovell, with 5 men of war and 2 fireships,

sailed from the Downs on Thursday towards Gottenburgh, in order to convoy home our Eastland fleet.

Admiral Hobson continues indisposed.

The sessions being now at the Old Baily, Mr. Rippington, condemned last sessions for murder, was brought into court, where the lord cheif justice told him he had a repreive for some time, but now he must prepare to die, and askt him what he had to say thereon; who made a mad rambling speech in answer, reflecting on the court and government, and so was remanded to Newgate.

The emperors convoy here by last foreign mail had an account from Vienna, that the imperialists had regain'd the small island of Osnowitz, and kill'd all the Turks therein; that the grand vizier was decamp'd from Peter Waradin, which was a great advantage to the imperialists, who suffered much by sicknesse, being encamp'd in a moras.

Yesterday's foreign mail is wanting.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 10th instant, and held the 11th, 12th, and 13th, where several malefactors were tried; 7 were burnt in the hand, 14 received sentence of death, (5 of which were respited for judgment in order to transportation,) 6 were ordered to be whipt, and 3 to be transported.

Tuesday, 16 *Oct.*—Plymouth, Oct. 12th; a Flushing privateer has brought in here a small French prize.

The same day the Adventure transport ship arrived from St. Malloes with 450 exchang'd mariners; the sick were putt into hospitalls, the rest sett on shore.

The Southampton brigantine is also come in, having been taken by a French privateer of 18 guns, but ransomed.

She sailed hence on the 3d with the America fleet, under convoy of the Africa, captain Knapp, commander; but on the 4th, 50 leagues west of Scilly, 3 French privateers of 46, 36, and 18 guns bore down upon the Africa and the ships under her convoy, who all drew into a line of battle, and fought them 3 hours, by which time the French stood off, but the brigantine was then taken as she was making the best of her way from the fleet. In this action captain Knapp and the commanders of the merchant ships behaved themselves very bravely; one of the merchant ships, called the Hope, bound for New England, had on board 2 companies of fuzileers, who

did great service with their small shott: the enemies mast and rigging were so shattered that they could not make a 2d attempt, tho on their 1st retreat resolved it, but left ours without further molestation to pursue their voyage.

A 5th and 6th rate man of war were launched the last week.

The Dolphin has taken on the coast of Ireland a French caper of 10 guns and 140 men.

Edenburgh, 9th; Sunday the Amsterdam frigat came into Leith Road, and with her a ship laden with firelocks, &c.; and another with provisions.

The lord Clifford, son to the earl of Burlington, is dead.

Yesterday Stephens the messenger seized one Edwards for printing libells against the government.

The sessions at the Old Baily ended Saturday night; 11 persons received sentence of death; Crosby, Fountain, and other state prisoners were admitted to bail; and the tryal of the pyrates putt off for 15 dayes.

The captain of the Danish man of war who refused to strike to our flagg is ordered home, but the ship is detained, tho the matter is compremised.

Yesterday 72 benefits were drawn in the million lottery, and this day the like number; and among them that of 1000*l.* per ann., which fell to 4 French protestants, viz. mounsieur La Coake, who quitted 4000*l.* per ann. for his religion, mounsieur Ravanell, &c.

We want 2 foreign posts.

Thursday, 18 *Octob.*—This dayes Gazet gives a large account of the retreat of the Turks from Peter Waradin, leaving much baggageb: hind, occasioned by the great rains that fell, and the difference between the cham of Tartary, aga of the Janisaries, and grand vizier.

From Paris wrote, that court is much surprized to hear that admiral Russel is to winter in the Mediterranean, and the rather because the king was assured he had repassed the Streights, and pursuant theretoo sent an expresse to mounsieur Tourville to return to the ocean; and there is advice, that on the 9th the said mounsieur sent 12 men of war and 2 fireships from Thoulon to learn intelligence of the English, and followed with the rest of the fleet: the 11th, 14 of his galleys were sent

to be disarmed at Marseilles, and 6 to Nice to transport 13 batallions to Catalonia, whither 3000 horse from Mr. Catinats army are also ordered; that mareschal de Noailles had sent the marquesse de Genlis to the French king to lett him know that his troops in Catalonia had been much fatigued, and the season so farr advanced, that he thought it not adviseable to attack Barcelona.

Portsmouth, 17th; a draught of 4 men out of each company of the regiments of colonel Gibson and colonel Farington is made for recruits for Flanders.

Yesterday sailed out of the Downs the Dutch Bilboa fleet, with several English merchant ships, bound for Spain and Portugal, under the convoy of 5 men of war.

This day 60 criminals at Newgate pleaded their majesties general pardon; and yesterday 7 malefactors were executed at Tyburn, but a soldier was reprieved to be sent to Jamaica.

Mr. Henry Trenchard, brother to the secretary, is dead, and has left him his estate.

One Weld and John, two Scotch nonjuring ministers, are committed to Newgate for treason.

Collonel Taylor of the guards is killed by a captain of Earls regiment in a duel in Flanders.

Mr. Lawes, who killed Mr. Wilson, filed down 4 bars in order to escape out of the kings bench, but was discovered.

This day the matter about chusing the mayor of Orford in Suffolk was heard in council, and the petitioners were dismissed with a sharp reprimand.

Yesterday 80 benefit tickets were drawn in the million lottery, and this day about 76, but none above 100*l.* per ann.

The 17th six men were executed at Tyburn; 3 for robbing upon the highway, and 3 for clipping and coyning.

Saturday, 20 *Oct.*—The lords of the admiralty have reported upon an order of council, dated the 4th instant, their opinions, that it may be convenient that a general embargo be laid the 1st of December next on all ships then on this side the Downs, and such as are not ready to sail from the outports, except such as goe for Holland, Flanders, and the East countrey, and such as are in their majesties immediate service, and all coast traders in this kingdom.

Yesterdays letters from Ireland say, the Dunkirk frigat had retaken and sent into Kingsale a rich West India ship laden with indico, &c.; and that sir Richard Atkins's regiment was arrived in that kingdom.

The master of a ship arrived at Plymouth in 12 dayes from Malaga sayes, admiral Russel was sailed up the Streights from Alicant to meet the French, which were expected on the coast of Catalonia; but sir Joseph Herne has a letter which sayes, our admiral is ill of a feavour at Alicant, and that a squadron of the fleet were sent to gett intelligence of the fleet.

The emperors envoy here had intelligence in his last letters from Vienna, that the grand vizier lost by desertion, sicknesse, and the sword 18,000 men; that the whole body of Tartars have left his army, and marched home; and that the Arnotts of Bosnia, as soon as they were over the Save, opposed the viziers authority, and seperated from his army.

The project of a peace, which the French emissaries delivered to the diett of Ratisbone, was debated, but the majority concluded that a present peace would be precarious, because there was no dependance on the French kings promise or oath; and that since the confederates were equal if not exceeding in strength, twould be better to continue the warr to procure such a peace as may be out of his power to break.

From Italy, that cardinal D'estè has laid aside his cap, and was goeing to be married to the dutchesse dowager of Parma, sister to the empresse. And that the pope had setled 4000 crowns per ann. on king James, and invited him to Rome.

His majestie is not now expected till the end of next week, designing to goe for Wesell to conferr with the elector of Brandenburgh.

Tuesday, 23 *Oct.*—Yesterday came an expresse from Manchester, that the grand jury (Mr. Norreys, member of parliament for Leverpool, being foreman) had found bills of high treason against these 7: the lord Mollineux, sir Rowland Stanley, sir William Gerrard, Mr. Walmsley, Mr. Langton, Mr. Dickeson, and Mr. Blundell; and they were arraigned to be tryed on Saturday last and yesterday.

Yesterday the lord cheif baron Atkins surrendred his office, which he did by inrolment in chancery; tis said Mr. atturney

general will succeed him; and that Mr. sollicitor will be made attorney, and Mr. Hawles of Lincolns Inn be made sollicitor.

This day, being the first day of the term, several persons made their appearances in the court of kings bench, and among the rest several young gentlemen of the Middle Temple, who were bound over for making a disturbance in opposition to the benchers of that house, and were continued on their recognizance, but advised to submit to the benchers.

Sunday last a person concerned with Butler and Jewster, executed for the murther of madam Le Grand in Spittle Fields, was apprehended and carried to Newgate; as was also a gang of clippers and coyners taken in the very fact in Grayes Inn lane.

The new mortars that are now casting weigh 3000 lb. more then any formerly made, and are laid in beds of brasse 2 inches thicker then ordinary.

Six new men of war are now on the stocks, and will be launched before spring; they are from 60 to 80 guns each, besides those of lesser rank.

Two new fourth rates of 50 guns each, called the Colchester and the Rumney, were this day launched at Blackwall, being built by sir Henry Johnson.

Plymouth, 19th; last night the Anglesey frigat came in from the westward, and brought with her a French privateer of 34 guns and 190 men, which she took after 3 hours fight.

This evening came in two foreign mails, but bring little material, the armies being all goeing into winter quarters.

That his majestie is at the Hague, waiting only for a fair wind to come for England.

There are letters from the lord Pagett, so that what the Paris Gazet said as to him is false.

Our soldiers taken at Brest are exchanged, except some French officers, whom the governor of Nantz saith he hath orders from his majestie to execute.

Sir William Williams, arrived this night from Manchester, brings account, that on Saturday last five of the prisoners were tryed and acquitted.

Thursday, 25 *Oct.*—The Paris letters say, the French king is preparing to send a splendid embassy, with great summs of money, to the Port, to oblige the grand seignior not to make

a peace with the emperor, but to try another campagne, promising to make a great diversion in the empire this summer.

From the Hague wrote, that his majestie, before he came from Loo, was attended by the Suedish ambassador, who prest him that a treaty should be sett on foot for a general peace; but tis said the king promised only to acquaint the ministers of the allies therewith at their congresse at the Hague.

Our merchants last night had an account from Barbadoes, that the 4 East India ships formerly mentioned were arrived there, and that when the letters came away they would sail for England in 6 dayes; on which their actions are rose 10*l.* per cent.

And the Hudsons Bay company are increas'd from 120*l.* to above 200*l.*; and the bank now sell for 105*l.*

Last night the earl of Salisbury dyed, leaving only a son about 3 years old to succeed him in the honour and estate.

A privateer of Jersey hath taken and brought in there a French caper of 8 guns, and 2 other prizes of 60 tuns, laden with wine and brandy.

A Dutch vice admiral, with 5 men of war and 2 fireships, is sailed out of the Downs to look after John Dubart, who is come out of Dunkirk.

The 5 prisoners of state acquitted at Manchester were, sir Rowland Stanly, sir Thomas Clifton, Mr. Blundell, Mr. Dickenson, and Mr. Langton, the jury not stirring from the barr, the witnesses against them being of ill repute: the lord Mollineux, sir William Gerrard, and Mr. Walmsly were discharged without tryal, no evidence appearing: and Tuesday the 23d the judges were to goe to Chester to try sir Thomas Stanly and Mr. Lee.

Dr. William Flemming is appointed physitian to the forces designed for Jamaica at 20*s.* per diem; and Mr. William Mortimer apothecary, with an allowance of 200*l.* per ann. for the said forces.

The 320 prisoners arrived at Falmouth from Brest are naked, and almost starved.

Two gentlemen of captain Johnsons troop in the lord of Oxfords regiment, being part of them that are on the road for the kings coming, upon a quarrel fought yesterday; one was killed, and the other got away.

On Tuesday was a court martial held at Whitehal for tryal of 3 of collonel Coots regiment for deserting, and are all ordered to be shott.

Mr. Mountague, chancellor of the exchequer, took his seat in that court with Mr. baron Lechmore.

The tryals of the causes between the earls of Bath and Mountague are put of for some time.

The parliament mett this day, and were by commission prorogued to the 6th of next month.

Saturday, 27 *Octob.*—Last foreign letters brought, that the pope had given the Venetians leave to raise 100,000 crowns upon the clergy in the territories of that republick to be employed in the war against the Turks.

That the Venetians and the duke of Tuscany had now both declared for king William.

And that the king of Denmark had consented to the raising of a regiment of 2000 men for the service of the emperor, which levies are already begun.

From Edingburgh, that major Mackinsey of the lord Linsey's regiment being accused before the town council of Glasco for pressing of soldiers contrary to the usual method, and the clerk thereof being sharp upon him for the same, the major, not being used to such rebukes, stab'd the clerk, and got away; but being pursued on horseback was soon taken, and brought back; and the clerke since dead.

Falmouth, 22d; yesterday a vessel of 100 tunn was seen floating before this harbour without mast or sails, and beleived to be a wreck, so some boates were sent to take possession of her; but were detained by the French men on board, who soon after putt up both, and sailed off; and by this stratagem they have gott people to give them intelligence of our shipping, &c.

Bristol, 24th; this day came in the Samuel from Malaga, who has been so long missing, that 70 guineas was given for ensuring but 400*l.* one hour before she arrived.

Dr. Barkley, brother to the lord Berkly, and one of the prebends of Westminster, as also the lady Mary Howard, sister to the earl of Carlisle, are both dead.

The earl of Clancarty, who has been 4 years a prisoner (in

the Tower) at warr, made his escape on Thursday; and the warder who had him in custody is secured.

Yesterday a prize of 500*l.* per ann. was drawn in the million lottery, and fell to a silk throwster.

Hinton, the great high way man, was taken about 2 dayes since, and is committed to Newgate.

An order of council is coming out requiring all persons to take such tynn farthings as are of the currant stamp.

Last night came in a Spanish mail with letters from the Groyne of the 18th instant, which say, that admiral Russel was still with the fleet off Alicant, being recovered from his late indisposition; that he had no account of the French fleet being at sea. He brought also, that 6 Dutch capers mett, off Malta, 2 French men of war, 1 of 60 and the other of 40 guns, which had under their convoy 4 French merchant ships bound home, richly laden, from Smirna; that after a fight of 8 hours, the frigat of 40 guns and the 4 merchant ships were taken, but the ship of 60 guns gott into Malta.

An order is gone from court for Cheshire and Lancashire to secure the witnesses there that gave evidence against the gentlemen lately tryed there, in order to prosecute them according to law.

A foreign post is wanting.

Tuesday, 30 *Oct.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail; from Paris, that since the departure of mareschal Tourville from Thoulon there has been nothing but blustering weather, which damaged diverse of his squadron, (some of which are returned to refit,) and the whole fleet seperated, but the squadron of men of war that preceeded that fleet that debark'd the 6000 men at Palamos; and the admiral, having mett a felucca with fresh orders from the king to continue in port, is return'd much shatter'd to Thoulon, but diverse of his ships are yet wanting.

From the Hague of the 23d; the duke of Savoys envoy has received an account of an attempt the French made the 25th of September on the valley of St. Martin, the party being commanded by an Irish lord, to revenge the late burning of some villages and a French magazine of hay at the top of Pragelas; and they made 4 detachments of 1500 men, who took different wayes, but being all rejoin'd attackt the out-

gards of the Vaudois at the entrance into the valley: they so well defended their post as to give leasure to their companions to come up into a body, and then they so warmly charg'd the French as to oblige them to retire with 156 dead, and their commander taken prisoner. Some dayes after, the Vaudois with 515 enter'd into the valley of Queiras, and posted 80 men to observe the garison of the castle, while the rest attackt the French retrenchment guarded by 45 men; which they forc'd, and took therein 36 prisoners; afterwards made themselves masters of a second, taking the commander; thus having the coast clear marcht towards Briancon, setting 20 villages on fire, and alaramed the country as farr as Ambruñ, burning 50,000 radziens of hay, and return'd laden with much spoil and plunder.

Letters from the Hague say, his majestie is very well, daily waited on by persons of the best quality there; and that abundance of rain had fell, which putt them in hopes the wind would turn, for which only his majestie waits; and that the weather has been very tempestuous.

Her majestie yesterday received an expresse by the Groyne pacquet, that admiral Russel was coming into the Bay of Cales, and his fleet in very good condition, the new wine, raisons, and other refreshments from Malaga and Alicant, having recovered the seamen from the scurvy, &c.

And that the day before the fleet of victuallers arrived there from England.

Our merchants have also letters, that 7 Algerine men of war fell in with our fleet, which the Dutch and Spaniards being at war with would have seiz'd as prize; but admiral Russel, whose flagg they were under, commanded them to forbear, his master being at peace with them.

The Spanish Expedition pacquet arrived the 25th at Falmouth, and sayes, that some Flushing privateers came in company with our fleet of victuallers to Cales, and brought with them several prizes, one a French man of war of 24 guns, bound to Constantinople, which had on board a vast summ of money consign'd to the French ambassador at the Port to distribute among the Turkish ministers and divan; and they had also with them an Algerine man of war, with 200 men, which they took on this side the Streights.

Mr. Lee and other gentlemen at Chester are discharged, no evidence appearing; and Mr. Whitfeild (accus'd to lay out the money for those gentlemen to buy the arms) was this day bail'd at the kings bench.

Dr. Pain of White Chappel succeeds Dr. Berkly in the prebendary of Westminster.

Thursday, 1 *Nov.*—Yesterday came in a foreign maile; which brings from Paris of the 1st instant, that the state of Genoa had agreed to pay the Germans in lieu of winter quarters 125,000 crowns, and the duke of Modena 60,000 pistolls, but the pope seem'd resolved to give them neither money nor quarters, and for that end had posted 6000 of his troops on the frontiers.

The abbot Morelle, a creature of this court, is gone for Germany, where he is intreagueing with some ministers of the empire to bring about a peace, and they have held some secret conferences upon it, but 'tis beleived matters are not yet ripe enough for composure.

The mareshal de Joyeuse commands the French troops this winter in Germany, and count Stirum those of the imperialists.

The Saxon troops are marching into their own countrey.

The gallies of Naples are to winter in the Spanish ports nearest to Cadiz, that they may be ready early in the spring to join admiral Russels fleet.

Mr. Stepny, the kings minister at Vienna, who lately came to the Hague, is by his majestie sent to Saxony upon some message of moment.

Our Turky merchants have received letters from Constantinople of the 15th of September, that the grand seignior was not dead, but past recovery; and that they had received letters over land from Smirna, that the English and Dutch cloathing ships were come to that citty, which gave so great a joy to those people, that their arrival will have a great influence on the Port in order to procure a peace.

Dr. Gouge, rector of St. Martins in the Fields, dyed yesterday.

The states of Holland have resolved to augment their troops next campagne 16,000 men in the Netherlands.

Yesterday 2 fireships were launched at Deptford; and a 3d rate of 80 guns lies there ready to be launched.

The wind being fair yesterday and this day, the king is hourly expected.

The 2d 500*l.* per ann. in the million lottery fell to one Mr. Gibbs, a stone cutter, and 3 others in partnership.

This day a court martial sate for the tryal of lieutenant collonel Lebarr of a French regiment for false musters; and after he had been heard, the court deferred judgment till Saturday.

Tis said 2 regiments will be sent to quarter in Lancashire and Cheshire upon the disaffected, and that some of the mutinous clergy men there will be sent for up.

Saturday, 3 *Nov.*—Madrid, 14 Oct.; his majestie is very buisy in raising money to have a great army in Catalonia next campaigne, to prevent the French making any further progresse there; already the king has made considerable remittances of money to Germany to pay those troops he hires, being 6000 men.

Cologne, 29th Oct.; the emperors envoy extraordinary is past thro' this place for the Hague to meet king William upon some emergent occasion before he goes for England.

From Leige of the 31st they write, that two noble men past by there having passeports from the allyes, and tis said were goeing to the Hague with new proposalls of peace; but some letters from thence by the last post say, king William had renew'd the allyance with the confederates for 5 years longer, and that the Dutch were fitting out 10 men of war and a fleet of victuallers to send to the Streights.

Edingburgh, 27th; Thursday being the time the parliament should have mett, a proclamation was made, that the king being abroad, and his pleasure not known, all members should be ready to meet upon the 1st notice from his majestie.

Falmouth, 29th; yesterday arrived here the St. Mary from Cales with fruites; she was 36 dayes at sea, and sayes, 'twas reported there that the king of Spain would putt the island of Minorca into the hands of admiral Russel during his stay in those parts.

The deputy lieutenants and justices of peace of Cheshire and Lancashire, we hear, are to be new moddel'd, several of them not opposing the mobb when they affronted the judges upon the bench at the tryal of the state prisoners.

The bishop of London has instituted Dr. Lancaster to the liveing of St. Martins in the room of Dr. Gouge.

His majestie, tho the wind was fair on Wensday and Thursday, is not yet arrived, by which tis concluded his convoy by the late storms were drove so farr into Goree that they must wait for a spring tide to bring them out.

Two barks belonging to Naples have taken a rich French ship worth 100,000 crowns.

Yesterday another 500*l.* per ann. was drawn in the million lottery, and fell to one Mr. Proctor, a stationer, and Mr. Skinner, a hosier, in partnership.

This day the earl of Salisbury was carried in great state to Hatfeild to be interred there.

We want a foreign mail.

Tuesday, 6 *Nov.*—Sunday came in a foreign mail, which brought the great news that the Turks and Tartars were totally defeated by the Poles as they were convoying 5000 waggons laden with provisions to Camineec, all which they took; and that the Venetians had made themselves masters of the whole island of Scio, which is about 124 miles in circumference, and very fertile; and that they had embarqu'd their men in order to attack the Isle of Tenedos, which if they take 'twil much obstruct the carrying provisions by sea to Constantinople.

Two noble Venetians are coming ambassadors from that state to king William.

The great duke of Tuscany has sent a complementing letter to his majestie also.

The parliament of Scotland, pursuant to the kings orders, are adjourned to the 13th of December next.

The council last week at Whitehal resolv'd what convoys should goe with the fleets of outward bound merchant ships; and so soon as they are gone an embargo will be laid on all other ships in order to supply their majesties navy with seamen against spring.

Falmouth, Nov. 1st; the Mearmaid frigat is arriv'd in 9 weeks from Barbadoes; she came thence in company of the 4 East India ships, but was seperated from them in the latitude of 34 by stresse of weather.

The Tyger frigat, with 22 merchant ships, also came out with them, but none of them are yet arriv'd.

Plymouth, the 2d; the Kingsfisher and Coronation are arrived here in 5 weeks from Virginia, and say, they left 40 sail of merchant men behind them for want of lading, by reason of an ill crop.

The Thomas and Jane of London is arrived at Plymouth in 11 dayes from Cales; the master sayes admiral Russel had laid up all his fleet in that port, and taken a house there for the winter.

Letters from the north say, that the York stage coach ferrying over the Trent, near Newark, the coach overset the boat, and three passengers therein, said to be Scotch gentlemen, were cast away.

Mr. justice Eyre has committed Lunt, Wilson, and Wemball, three evidences against the Lancashire gentlemen, to the kings bench.

This day Mr. Lawes was brought to the kings bench, where the judges overruled his demurrer; he will be tryed this term upon the appeal for killing Mr. Wilson.

His majestie not being yet arrived, the parliament was this day farther prorogued to Monday next, the 12th instant.

Brigadeer Leveson arrived this day from Holland, and sayes, the king was to imbarque yesterday at noon, so is expected to land this evening.

A foreign post came in this day at noon, which confirms the Turkish defeat and the taking of Scio; and that the Venetians had bombarded Smyrna, had not the English and Dutch consuls interposed.

The king of Spain has promised to pay the Dutch fleet 700,000 florins at Cadiz.

The French king has retrencht king James's allowance.

The sherifs named in the exchequer for Yorkshire are, sir Barington Bouchier, sir Edward Blacket, and John Bradshaw de Bramston.

Thursday, 8 *Nov.* — The German letters advise, that the Suabian and Franconian circles are come to a resolution to augment their militia, and make new levyes of other forces in the room of the Saxons, which are marching homeward; and 'tis doubted with a resolution not to return next campaigne, for that they carry with them all their baggage and artillery, and the commissaries are transporting their magazines of provisions and forage to Mecklenburgh to dispose off and sell there.

Dr. Sloane, upon the recommendation of the colledge of physitians, is chose physitian to Christs Church Hospital, London, in room of Dr. Downes, deceased.

The board of ordnance have taken into their service 25 bombardeers and 50 gunners, who are to be trayned up in that art, in order to serve on board the new bomb vessells that are fitting up against spring.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered 6 men of war to cruize off Cape Clear, to secure the coming home of the 4 East India ships and the Barbadoes fleet.

Yesterday Mr. attorney general exhibited an information against Mr. Harcourt, clerk of the peace of Middlesex, alledging that he hath incurred the forfeiture of that place by neglect and illegal practices; and there is to be a tryal thereon at the exchequer barr this term.

The 4 highway men that lately broke out of Hartford goal were on Tuesday night seized, with their horses, at a publick house in Old Fish street, and committed to Newgate.

Two soldiers of collonel Colts regiment (who were witnesses against lieutenant colonel Lebar and other officers of the same regiment, whereby they were broke for false musters) were this day tryed by a court martial for desertion in coming from collonel Rowe's regiment to this, and are sentenc'd to be shott.

Wrote from Harwich, that a ship was putt in there that escaped falling into the hands of 5 French men of war, which be [he] beleives to be Dubart, and sayes he came from Scotland, with about 50 others, under convoy of 2 men of war; and he fears most of them have fallen into the hands of the French: they were chiefly laden with butter, cheese, corn, &c. for Holland.

Mr. Stevenson, the Scotch secretary in Holland, dyed last Saturday at the Brill, designing to embarque for Holland.

'Tis beleiv'd his majestie embarqued last night or this morning, the spring tides and wind both serving, so that 'tis expected to hear of him to morrow.

The East India company received letters, dated last Fryday, from Falmouth, which say, the day before were seen passe by that place towards Plymouth 3 large and one small ship, supposed to be the 4 East India ships, viz. the Modena of 1000 tunns, captain Wildey commander; the Charles of 800 tuns,

captain Dorrell; the Sampson of 700 tunns, captain Brommel commander; and the Samuel of 100 tunn.

Saturday, 10 *Nov.* — Last night came in a foreign mail: Vienna 23d; Te Deum has been sung in our cathedral for the victory obtayned by the Poles over the Turks and Tartars, which particulars rather augment, for besides the 4000 waggons taken with provisions, &c., there were 1100 others with merchantdize of Persia; and in the pursuit near as many were knock't in the head at a certain passe as were kill'd in the fight; among them 2 general officers and 4 others taken prisoners, with abundance of sheep and black cattle, with inconsiderable losse on our side: the whole booty taken is valued at 3 millions of crowns.

Cadiz, Oct. 18th; admiral Russel left only 5 men of war to cruize in the Mediterranean; and so soon as his ships can be refreshed, a squadron will be sent to Cape Spartell to watch if the French fleet should attempt the repassing the Streights.

That an expresse is arrived at Cadiz, that the emperor of Morocco has invested Ceuta in Africa with a powerfull army; but that there being a good garison in it, and the sea open, we are not in much pain for it.

Paris, 11th; mareschal Boufflers is speedily to return to Flanders to putt some design in execution.

The king is dayly troubled with petitions from his poor subjects to suspend their payeing any more taxes by reason of their poverty; on which his majestie has sent 3 gentlemen to Maestricht with new proposalls of peace: and from the Hague, that mounsieur Dickvelt was sent from the king and the states general to hear their proposalls, and coming back gave an account of the conference; whereupon he went again the next day with instructions that they would enter upon no treaty whatever but upon the foot of the Westphalia and Pyrenean treatyes: which is all we know thereof.

Letters from Rotterdam of the 13th say, that 2 small vessells arrived there from Leith, who came in company with 30 sail of merchant men more, whom they left in the Maes; which contradicts the report in the last about Dubart.

The duke of Southampton, natural son to king Charles the 2d, is married to Mrs. Ann Poultney, daughter to the late sir William.

Collonel Loyd, of a regiment of foot, is lately dead.

A French man of war of 34 guns was cast away last Sunday near Guernsey, and all her men lost.

Yesterday in the afternoon the king landed at Margate; lay that night at the deans house in Canterbury; from whence he came this day to Dartford, where the queen mett him; and after dinner came to Whitehal, (ferrying over at Lambeth,) and thence they went to Kensington; and were welcomed home by ringing of bells, bonefires, illuminations, &c.

Tuesday, 13 *Nov.*—Paris letters of the 12th says, that 5 ryders out of each troop throughout the army are to be reform'd, which will lessen their horse some thousands; and 12 whole regiments of dragoons out of 42 are to be broke, and the men incorporated into the foot companies, each of them to have 6 crowns; and the horses are to remount their cavalry; his majestie designing wholly to be upon the defensive next campagne.

Mareschal Tourville in his letters to court mentions what regrett it is to him that he cannot repasse the Streights with his fleet, and insists very much that they fitt out all the men of war they can at Brest to meet his squadron at the Streights mouth to facilitate their passage in the spring.

From Brussels, that the elector of Bavaria, by order of the king of Spain, has presented the English feild officers with a large medal of gold, with the effigies of the king of Spain on one side, and king William on the other.

The French intendants of the new conquests are preparing great quantities of square peices of pastboards, with some writing thereon, which are to be delivered to the officers in lieu of money, and are to passe in payment among the people, the king promising his treasurers shal receive them for the like value in money.

From the Hague, that his majestie before he left that place constituted Mr. Prior his secretary, who was secretary before to the lord Dursley during his embassy in Holland.

That sir Cloudesly Shovel was arriv'd with his squadron before Gottenburgh, where he found orders to join the Dutch convoy at Elsenore, and bring home the ships of both nations.

The new created peers took their places in the house of lords.

Mr. Varney of Warwickshire petitioned the house, that his family 600 years agoe enjoyed the title of baron Brook, praying to be admitted to the same; and their lordships appointed a committee to consider thereof, and then adjourned till Tuesday next.

The lord mayor and court of aldermen congratulated the kings safe arrival; who knighted the two present sherifs.

The king has appointed colonel Lillingston and Norcots, with 100 of the marine regiment, to goe for Jamaica, and 500 of the latter to admiral Russel.

The lord Cutts late regiment is given to lieutenant colonel Seymor, son to sir Edward; and colonel Loyd's to lieutenant colonel Fairfax, of the lord Castleton's regiment.

His majestie has declared sir Edward Ward, attorney general, shal be lord cheif baron; but before he can act there must be a new call of serjeants, that he be made one.

Mr. Henry Killigrew has a warrant to be jester to the king, with 300*l.* per ann. to be setled on him.

Thursday, 15 *Nov.*—Wrote from the Hague, that there had been a great mutiny at Malines betwixt the English quartered there and the inhabitants, in which two of the English officers were killed by the mob; and tho a reward of 200 crowns was promised to such as shal discover the authors, they are not yet found out; which so enrag'd the English, that they killd two of the burghers in the night, and at length came to such a height, that the duke of Holstein Ploen was forced to come thither, and caused the 4 English regiments that were there to march out, to prevent further bloodshed.

From Ostend wrote, that 2 privateers of that place had taken and brought in 4 French prizes, one laden with linnen and serge, and the other with cordage, bound for Dunkirk.

Mr. justice Rookeby and Mr. justice Powel this term argued the case of the bankers in the exchequer chamber, and both gave their opinions against the king.

Collonel Clifford and sir Thomas Montgomery some dayes since fought a duel, and the latter was dangerously wounded.

Yesterday being the day appointed for the tryal of the pyrates, sir Charles Hedges, judge advocate, adjourn'd the same to the 23d instant, and in the mean time his majestie will hear the matter in council, it being pretended they

ought to be exempted by vertue of the articles of Limrick.

The tryal of Mr. Lawes upon the appeal is putt off till next term.

Tis said the earl of Romney will be made constable of the Tower.

This day was a great ball at Whitehal, designed for the kings birth day, but put off by reason of his not being here.

This day the attainder of sir Thomas Armstrong was revers'd in the court of kings bench on a writ of error brought for the same.

Mr. Roberts, brother to the earl of Radnor, is marryed to the youngest daughter of the late lord Warrington.

This being queen dowagers birth day the gunns were fired round at the Tower as upon the like occasions.

Saturday, 17 *Nov.*—Last night came in a mail, which sayes, the grand vizier was returned in great hast to Adrianople, hearing of the great commotions in those parts; before he left Belgrade he took a review of his army, and found them 12,000 foot and 7000 horse lesse then at the opening of the campagne.

That the states of Austria have granted the emperor a subsidy of 1,400,000 florins towards the charge of the warr, and those of Bohemia and Silesia proportionably.

The states of Cologne have made a free gift of 100,000 crowns to their elector, who has given out commissions for raising 4 new regiments.

Paris, Nov. 20th; the king, to encourage the Turks to continue the warr, hath sent to acquaint the grand seignior, that his fleet shall prevent the Venetian armada to make any further conquest in the Levant, and that he will animate the emperor of Morocco to retake all the towns Spain possesses in Africa: that his majestie had been forc'd to recall several of his new edicts for raising money, being found burthensome to the people.

The Dutch have ordered their troops to be new cloathed, and their arrears paid: and the merchants of Amsterdam are fitting out with a joint stock 15 privateers of 40 guns each to cruize on the French coasts.

From Brussels wrote, that the differences at Malines between

the English and the Spaniards was amicably composed by the care of the duke of Holstein Ploen.

The earl of Clancarty with 5 other English officers are arrived at Havre de Grace.

The Spanish Expedition pacquet boat arrived the 11th at Falmouth from the Groyn; the master sayes, that about 20 leagues west of Scilly they say [saw] a fleet of tall ships, which they supposed to be the Barbadoes fleet, and the 2 East India ships wanting: and adds, that admiral Russel was victualling his winter squadron; and that the Spanish troops that were at the Groyne, and designed for Flanders, were countermanded, and sent to Catalonia.

On Thursday the bishop of London and the clergy of the same waited on his majestie, and congratulated his safe arrival; as the dissenting ministers did yesterday, and were well received.

The duke of Shrewsbury lies ill of a feavour; and Mr. secretary Trenchard is relapsed to his consumption.

Yesterday came on the tryal between the earl of Bath and the earl of Montague, which held till 9 this morning, the court sitting all night, when the court gave a verdict this morning for the earl of Bath; and next Wensday is to be another tryal between them concerning an estate in Hartfordshire.

Tuesday, 20 *Nov.*—Cadiz, Oct. 18th; on the 9th 3 Zealand capers sailed hence with 10 rich prizes, which they took in the Mediterranean: admiral Russel, having taken the Jesuits bark, is recovered of his indisposition, and has given orders for careening the capital ships, designing to put to sea with 45 men of war, which he will divide into 3 squadrons, one to guard this harbour, a 2d to cruize at Cape Spartell, and the 3d he will command in person, and goe into the Mediterranean to interrupt the French commerce, and inspect their maritime ports.

The Dragon, Southampton, and Canterbury frigats are returned hither from convoying the Turky fleet, which they convoyed as far as Messina.

Yesterday's letters from Bristol say, 2 ships were come in there from the coast of Ireland, which give an account, that the Barbadoes fleet and the 2 East India ships, viz. the Mo-

dena and Henry, were arrived safe in Cork and Kingsale, captain Freke, who commanded, being dead in his passage.

We hear from Arundel in Sussex, that Mr. Banks, a custome house officer there, having discovered a French sloop to hover about the shore, gave notice to some soldiers quartered thereabout to watch her; and next evening some horsemen were perceived to make towards the sea, and one of them went to the water side, on which the sloops boat, with the lieutenant and 6 men, came on shore, discoursed with the horsemen, and exchanged pacquets, upon which the soldiers fired at them, wounded the lieutenant and another Frenchman, but the horsemen escaped.

The 2 English officers killed at Malines in the late quarrel there with the burghers were lieutenant Kelsey (who a year agoe killed an alehouse keeper in Bride lane) and ensign Neal.

The archbishop of Canterbury is taken dangerously ill of a dead palsy last Sunday, and his recovery doubted of.

The same day his majestie had some symptomes of an ague, but it has not since returned on him.

Thursday, 22 *Nov.*—Yesterday was published their majesties proclamation for a publick day of thanksgiving for preserving their majesties persons and government, and giving successe to their arms by sea and land; to be observed on Sunday the 2d of December within the weekly bills of mortallity, and in all other places on Sunday the 16th day of December ensueing.

Thursday, 22 *Nov.*—The duke of Shrewsbury designs to goe into the country for recovery of his health.

The tryal between the earls of Mountague and Bath is put off till next term; as is also that between Mr. Pride and the earl of Bath about the late duke of Albemarles estate.

Sir Thomas Cook is chose member of parliament for Colchester, Mr. Stonehouse for Great Bedwyn, sir Francis Winningtons eldest son for Bewdly, Mr. Thomas Foley's son for Stafford, sir Henry Hobart for Beeralston, and Mr. Long for Chippenham, the latter carrying it against sir Basil Firebrass by 16.

The duke of Newcastle, earl of Warwick, and the lords Guildford and lord Clifford, have been introduced into the house of peers.

An information is preferr'd against Lunt, Wilson, and Womball, 3 of the Lancashire witnesses, for perjury.

Last night the prisoners in the Savoy, who were to be tryed to morrow for pyracy, endeavour'd their escape by the assistance of one Bradshaw their sollicitor, who wounded the turnkey; and they having gott armes, brought them the day before by basket women, 4 of them gott out, but the guard being near, fired, killed one, wounded another; the rest were likewise making their escape, but prevented; and this day were sent to Newgate.

The king had yesterday some returns of his ague, but well again today.

This evening the lord Lucas is to attend his majestie in council at Kensington about the escape of colonel Parker and the earl of Clancarty out of the Tower.

The archbishop of Canterbury about 4 this afternoon departed this life of a dead palsy at his palace in Lambeth.

The house of peers were yesterday and this day upon the paper and parchment act, whither the orders of their house ought to be stampt, and the judges gave their opinions in the negative.

This evening the million lottery was finish'd.

Saturday, 24 *Nov.*—The house of peers yesterday ordered their house to be called on Monday, till which time they adjourned.

Yesterday morning commenced the tryalls of the pyrates at the Old Baily by a special commission, where collonel Mackdonnel, captain Mackdonnel, Mr. Nokes, Mr. Jennings, son to sir William, and another, were found guilty, and 9 more acquitted for want of evidence.

Captain St. Loe is returned from payeing off the great ships at Chatham.

His majestie having taken the bitter draught, finds little return of his ague.

Our merchants have an account from Cadiz, that some English cruizers had taken in the Mediterranean 2 rich Smyrna ships bound to Marseilles, and the Dutch another.

Two English men of war, seperated from sir Clowdesly Shovell in a storm, are come into Yarmouth, and brought with them 3 Dutch flyboats, which they retook from the French.

350 oxen, besides hoggs, are killed weekly for the fleet.

Yesterday came in a foreign mail, which brings from Poland, that the general of the Cossacks past the Neister with 4000 horse, and made an incursion as far as Budziack, where he plunder'd and burnt all the country, which is hereditary to the han of Tartary, and brought of an incredible number of prisoners, with about 18,000 head of cattle.

That a party of Poles fell also upon a body of Tartars retiring from Camineeck for want of subsistance, and cutt them to peices.

From Venice, that general Delfino, who came to the releif of Cyclut, and finding the Turkish army retired, followed them as far as Bosnia, killed 2000 of them, taking all their tents, provisions, baggage, &c. and putt the whole country under contribution.

Tuesday, 27 *Nov.*—The lord keeper on Sunday last fell backwards in his chamber, thinking his servant had sett another chair in place of one he found fault with, and came with his head to the ground, which much discomposes him, whereby he could not goe to the house of peers, upon which his majestie hath constituted the marquesse of Normanby to be speaker thereof during his lordships indisposition.

The house of peers have been this day debating whither the lord Banbury ought to be tryed by the peers or otherwise, and ordered a copy of all proceedings against him to be laid before them, and then adjourned to Thursday.

We had letters yesterday from Cadiz, which say, the Turky fleet arrived at Smyrna the 1st of October; that an English man of war of 44 guns struck upon the Diamond Rock coming into the Bay of Cadiz, and splitt in peices; that 2 French men of war were cast away in the Mediterranean; and confirm the English cruizers taking in the Streights 2 French merchant ships, which had on board 200,000 peices of eight; and the Zealand capers another goeing from Marseilles to Lisbon, esteem'd at 60,000 peices of eight; which 3 prizes are brought into Cadiz.

The same day we had letters from Ireland, that 2 of the Barbadoes fleet were arrived at Kingsale much disabled, but can give no account of the 2 East India ships, nor the rest of

the Barbado's fleet, since the storm, which they say lasted 7 dayes, but beleive they may be gone to the Canaries.

Sunday night the council sat at Kensington, where was under consideration the condemned pyrates; and 'tis said captain Mackdonnel and captain Noakes will be executed, but the others respited.

The king has had no return of his ague since Fryday last.

The Dutch ambassador has had audience of the grand vizier at Belgrade, but not able to persuade him to reassume the negotiation of peace.

Thursday, 29 *Nov.*—On Saturday night the corpse of the late archbishop of Canterbury was deposited in a vault belonging to St. Laurence church, London, where to morrow will be performed his obsequies.

His majestie has sent to the widdow, that she should receive the profits of the said bishoprick to the 25th of March next: there is no certainty yet who will succeed him.

Yesterday being the last day of the term, sir George Maxwell, Mr. Crosby, captain Williamson, captain Stow, and captain Doneland, and others, were in the court of kings bench admitted to bail; but Dyer the news writer continued upon his recognizance, there being an information of 27 heads against him.

Yesterday we received the bad news of the James gally being stranded, thus: she left Ostend on Sunday last with 100 officers and twice the number of passengers on board, and in the night her pylot, perceiving a light on the shore, which he mistook for a ships lanthorn, about 2 in the morning struck on the sands, 6 leagues off Margate; her boat with some few in her gott away: the galley fired all her guns thrice for help, but 'twas 9 in the morning before any boats came; most of the men in her were saved, but the gally sunk into the sands.

The king is perfectly recovered of his indisposition, and dined yesterday at the earl of Dorsets: he knighted Mr. Day, mayor of Bristol, and Mr. Davis, the sherif of the said citty.

37 chests of silver were some dayes since putt on board the Rotterdam convoy to be sent to Flanders to pay the forces there.

On the 23d and 24th instant was a sessions of the court of admiralty held at the Old Baily, where several persons were

tryed for hightreason and for pyracy; where 5 persons received sentence of death, captain Daniel Mackdonald, colonel Daniel Mackdonnel, captain John Noke, James Brasil, and William Jennings, gentleman, son to sir William Jennings; and several others were acquitted and discharged to the number of 23.

Saturday, 1 *Dec.*—Wrote from Pendennis in Cornwall, that a French privateer of 18 guns, on the 26th past, gave chace night [nigh] that place to two colliers, and venturing too near the shore, struck upon a rock, and in lesse the nan hour was split in peices, and all the men lost.

Two Middleburgh privateers have brought into Falmouth 2 French prizes bound from St. Malloes to Bourdeaux and Bayonne; the prisoners say, that 36 of their privateers are laid up at St. Malloes, finding little purchace of late, and many of their privateers are taken, that they think it not worth their while and charge to keep at sea.

Yesterday the commander of the James gally that was lost on Sunday last in Margate Road attended the lords of the admiralty, and gave an account, that of 217 passengers which were on board, whereof most were officers, but 30 were lost, the rest being saved by timely assistance from the shore.

The lords of the admiralty have setled the number of men of war to be imployed in the next summers service; and are to have in the ocean a fleet of 60 saile (including the Dutch) in the line of battle, with[out] reckoning the cruizers and convoyes, nor the fleet now at Cadiz; and for that end will have 28 men of war at sea more then the last year.

Last night the corpse of the late archbishop of Canterbury was interred at St. Laurence's church, attended by 3 of the kings coaches and many others of the nobility: the bishop of Salisbury preached his funeral sermon.

This day came a mail from the Groyn, with a pacquet from admiral Russel, giving account, that his great ships were disarmed, and that the emperor of Morocco had raised the seige of Ceuta, a Spanish town in Africa, having lost before it abundance of men, and left part of his baggage and cannon behind him.

The king and council had on Thursday last under consideration the affair of Jamaica, and resolved to expedite thither

collonel Lillingston with the forces which he commands, being apprehensive the French have formed another design against that island; and his majestie hath ordered a summ of money for that expedition.

All the officers here who have commands in the Netherlands have attended the king, and are ordered to make their recruits, and have money for the same.

Yesterday the royal fishery company elected sir James Sheame their governour, and Mr. Travers, a member of parliament, their deputy governor.

Tuesday, 4 *Dec.*—Letters from Constantinople say, the losse of Scio, the defeat of their convoy goeing to Camineec, and disappointment of their army on Peter Waradin, &c., have caused such great commotions there, that the mufti with some numbers of the divan had been twice at Adrianople to perswade the grand seignior to make more advantageous proposalls of peace to the Christian emperor, representing the eminent danger the Ottoman empire is exposed to, and the only means to preserve it from destruction is by a speedy peace; upon which the grand seignior promised a divan should be called, and would govern himself by their advice.

The sieur Hemskirk is expected suddenly at Vienna; he has signified to the states that the grand vizier did not absolutely refuse to reassume the negotiation of peace, but said he must first consult the grand seignior and the divan.

The French king has forbid the wearing of gold and silver in his dominions under severe penalties; and proposes to raise several millions by his poll tax, and by making his offices hereditary will raise 8 millions.

The Venetians are building in their arsenal ten new men of war and 12 gallies to reinforce their captain general, who winters at Scio.

Wrote from Cadiz, that the governour of that place is removed for being angry and standing on his punctillioes with admiral Russel, who had put 8 of his great ships on the careen without leave; and orders are sent thither from the court of Spain to accomodate the English with all they shal want.

From the Rhine wrote, that the princesse of Baden was brought to bed of a son, and that the prince had sent to desire king William to be godfather.

The elector of Cologne is confirmed coadjutor to the bishop of Hildersheim.

A Dutch caper has brought a French prize into Plymouth; and another of their capers another prize into Harwich.

Last week Mr. Aaron Smith at the quarter sessions exhibited bills of high treason against 32 criminalls to the grand jury, but the bills were found only against 6, and those for misdemeanour.

His majestie has sent an expresse to his lieutenant general in Scotland to hasten the new levies, to the end the veteran forces may be sent to Flanders early in the spring.

Sir Thomas Mackworth, knight of the shire for Rutlandshire, is dead.

Sir Ralph Delaval has kist the kings hand, and 'tis said will command the English squadron in the ocean next summer.

Yesterday the house of lords called over their absent members, and ordered letters to be sent them for their attendance.

The lords have ordered the record of the lord Banbury's indictment to be brought into their house.

The lord keeper being recovered, has taken his place as speaker in the house of lords.

Thursday, 6 Dec.—We have advice from St. Germains, that the pretended prince of Wales has been ill of the small pox, but that he is now past danger.

The duke of Bavaria has agreed with the Jews at Brussells to buy him 3000 horses to recruit his troops.

Letters from Copenhagen advise, that the French ambassador in an audience to the king of Denmark thank'd that king for his endeavour to procure a peace, but in regard the allyes had rejected his overtures his master was resolved to hazard another campagne, and to that end was disposing matters, all which the Danish king has sent to the confederate courts.

Tuesday the king sent to the admiralty an order for the bomb vessells to be equipped by the 15th instant; the same day the storekeepers of the Tower had orders to provide ammunition &c. by that time, and by the kings special command are to be in the Downs by the 1st of January next, that place being designed for their general rendevouze, and also for the convoy design'd for admiral Russell; and a draught will be

made out of all the regiments in England for the detachment that is goeing to Jamaica.

Four witnesses are come hither from Ireland, viz. Mr. Sherley, Mr. Steeres, Mr. Burley, and Mr. Sterling, to corroborate the evidence about the Lancashire plott, being persons of good report.

The admiralty board have ordered 8 men of war to be immediately equipped to cruize on the northern coasts to intercept Dubart in his return from Norway with a great fleet of navall stores and corn.

Yesterday the house of peers were upon debate of the record of the indictment against the lord Banbury, and adjourned the further debate till Wensday, and their house till to morrow, when they are to hear the cause between the bishop of Exeter and Dr. Bury.

Last night Dr. Tenison, bishop of Lincoln, kist his majesties hand to be archbishop of Canterbury, and is this night to be declared in councill; when the sherifs also will be prickt.

Saturday, 8 *Dec.*—Tis wrote from the Rhine, that the confederates have taken 18,000 Brandenburgh, Lunenburgh, and Munsterians into service, instead of the Saxons, who will not return to the Rhine but under the command of general Schoning.

The duke of Hanover sends some thousand of his troops next campagne to the service of king William in the Netherlands.

Notwithstanding the reports of the lord Clancarty's landing sometime since at Havre de Grace, we have an account this day that last Tuesday he landed at Ostend, and being known fled into a monastery for protection, but his servants are secured.

From Paris wrote, that the equipping the fleets at Brest and Rochfort for the Streights is countermanded.

The corsairs have taken a Venetian ship goeing to Zant, esteemed at 400,000 crowns; and that the Algerines have taken the citty of Tunis and other places of that regency.

A Dutch caper has brought into Cowes Road a French prize laden with fish from Newfoundland.

An English man of war forced on the coast of Norway a French caper of 22 guns, which splitt in peices.

Yesterdays letters from Bristol say, a ship was arrived there in 14 dayes from St. Lucar; the master sayes, the cruizers of admiral Russel had taken 17 French Newfoundland ships, laden with fish, oyle, and whalebone, and brought them to St. Lucar.

Dr. Tenison, bishop of Lincoln, being declared archbishop of Canterbury, has received the complements of the nobility and gentry, but 'tis not known who will be bishop of Lincoln.

The king has bespoke 40,000 new muskets, and pistolls proportionable.

The house of lords this day heard council on both sides in the case between the bishop of Exeter and Dr. Bury, rector of Exeter colledge, about the rectorship of the said colledge, and adjourned the further consideration till Monday.

Tuesday, 11 *Dec.*—Wrote from Savoy, that duke has given out commissions for raising 4 new regiments of foot, 1 of horse and 2 of dragoons.

From Maestricht, that a party of Brandenburghs mett 4 hours from thence a strong party of French, which they routed, kill'd 70, and took 180 prisoners, among whom was the count de Plessys, their commander.

Wrote from Dublin, that a party of horse from Limerick had taken 2 of the ringleaders of the tories in the county of Kerry, who are to be hang'd in chains: they confest they had kill'd 20 persons the month before they were taken, and committed several robberies.

Sunday last was performed before their majesties in the chappel royal the same vocal and instrumental musick as was performed at St. Brides church on St. Cecilia's day last.

The lady of the late archbishop of Canterbury has dismist all her servants, and removes at Christmas to a house taken for her at Tower Hill.

It is discoursed at court, that the duke of Ormond is to be general of the horse in Flanders, and the earl of Romney general of the foot; the earl of Scarborough to be constable of the Tower, and collonel Godfrey his deputy.

The lord Arrans regiment of horse is ordered for Flanders; and sir Charles Haro is to be made governor of Upner castle and the other forts on the Medway river.

Plymouth, Dec. 7th; on the 5th instant arrived here from

Newfoundland the Virgins Grace, and under her convoy a vessel bound for Pool.

Dartmouth, 7 Dec.; Wensday last came in here the Richard and Sarah, as also the Friendship, both from Newfoundland; they came out under convoy of the Virgins Grace, but were seperated from her and the rest of the fleet 3 weeks since; they give no account of them, but only of 4 that are come home.

Yesterday the house of peers gave judgment in the cause between the bishop of Exeter and Dr. Bury in favour of the bishop.

The sessions at the Old Baily ended Saturday last, where 22 men and 6 women received sentence of death.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 5th instant, and held the 6th, 7th, and 8th; where thirteen were burnt in the hand, 9 ordered to be whipt, 4 ordered into their majesties service, 3 fined, and 26 received sentence of death; whereof 12 were for clipping and coining, 9 as highwaymen, and 5 for felony and burglary.

Thursday, 13 *Dec.*—Yesterday our merchants received advice from Turkey, that their ships had a good market for their cloth; that which was damaged sold for 3 times as much as it cost: and that the cruizers of admiral Russell had taken 3 French Newfoundland ships more.

That 2 English frigats have taken and carried into Genoa 3 French prizes richly laden from Venice.

The senate of Genoa have writt a very obliging letter to admiral Russel, prayeing him not to interrupt their trade in the Streights, assuring him they shal alwaies be ready to make suitable returns to the king of Great Brittain.

Tis said admiral Russel will suddenly be declared a peer of England.

The Vaudois have taken 2 French convoys goeing with corn to Pigneroll, one of 20, the other of 30 mules.

The pope has given the Venetians leave to raise 3 regiments in the ecclesiastick state.

From Paris, that the French king is preparing a coach of state as a present to the electoresse of Bavaria.

Mareschal Boufflers threatnens to attack Newport the first frost.

A treaty of mariage is on foot between the prince royal of Denmark and the princesse Nassau Dilemburgh.

Last night we had 3 Irish mails, with advice, that the England frigat had fought a French man of war of 54 guns two dayes, and upon coming up of the Mountague she surrendred, but was so shatter'd, that soon after the men and lading were taken out she sunk; 26 French were killed, and 6 of the English wounded.

The Tyger frigat is arrived at Cork, having on board colonel Kendall, late governor of Barbadoes, and several other of the Barbadoes fleet, but the Modena from India is still missing.

Saturday last a new man of war of 80 guns was launched at Southampton, as another will at Bristoll of 70 guns, and a 3d at Harwich of the like force.

The house of peers yesterday putt off the lord Banbury's cause till to morrow 7night, and adjourned till to morrow.

Saturday, 15 *Dec.*—This day was published their majesties proclamation for encouraging mariners, seamen, and land men to enter themselves on board their majesties ships of warr, by giveing the former a bounty of 3 months pay, and to landmen one months pay.

Yesterday the house of peers read the triennial bill a 1st time, and appointed it a 2d reading on Monday.

The house of peers were in a grand committee upon the bill to make perjury to be felony, and are to be thereon again on Tuesday.

Yesterday we received letters from admiral Russel by the Groyn mail, but being of old date they bring little, save that he had sent 6 men of war to chase diverse French capers cruising betwixt Cape St. Vincent and Cape Finister.

The England and Montague frigats found on board the French man of war they took near Cork to the value of 40,000*l.* in gold dust, indigo, and silver, and made 170 prisoners, who are at Kingsale; that only 3 of the Barbadoes ships are arrived, and the report of the arrival of the Tyger proves a mistake.

Our king has entred into new engagements with the emperor against France.

Yesterday the officers that came to raise recruits for Flan-

ders were ordered to hasten them that they may be goeing soon after Christmas.

Wrote from Paris, that a coffeeman of that citty was sent to the galleys for reporting that the English and Dutch had taken the French Newfoundland fleet; and that the poll tax there by computation amounts to one hundred millions of livres, which is about 7 millions and half of English money, tho the military men are exempted from it.

Orders are sent to captain Dubart, now in the north, to hire what seamen he can in Sweden and Denmark to serve on board the French fleet.

The states of Holland are sending to their squadron at Cadiz 35 large flyboats, laden with naval stores and other necessaries, with 2 millions of guilders to pay their seamen.

The gunners designed for Jamaica are all embarqu'd; and the lord Cuts is to make a draught out of the standing regiments of 1200 men to be sent thither under collonel Lillingston; and his lordship is to see them embarque at Plymouth, and give his majestie an account thereof.

A merchant ship from Montserrat is forc'd ashore near Leverpool; the master of which sayes, a whirlwind hath destroyed abundance of ships in that island.

On Wensday the 12th instant 18 persons were executed at Tyburn; 7 men and 1 woman burnt for clipping and coyning, 8 highway men, and 2 for burglary.

Tuesday, 18 *Dec.*—Letters yesterday from Jersey bring, that 2 of their capers have taken 4 French prizes; 2 from Newfoundland with fish, one with ammunition &c. for Dunkirk, and the 4th laden with brandy and salt.

Yesterday the superiour officers that goe upon the expedition to Jamaica received instructions from the lords of the admiralty, as colonel Lillingston did some dayes before from the king.

Yesterday a new 5th rate man of war, called the Alderney, was launched at Woolwich.

This day colonel Paschall received his instructions to goe for Cadiz as commissioner of the prize office.

Yesterday 200 seamen enter'd themselves on board the fleet at Chatham upon the incouragement in the late proclamation.

A draught is making out of the pentioners in Chelsey col-

ledge to be sent to Windsor to make room for 30 maimed soldiers.

The aldermen of London, pursuant to the lord mayor's precept, have ordered their inferiour officers to search after tiplers in alehouses on the sabbath, and the justices of Middlesex are ordered to doe the like.

Letters from Dublin of the 11th say, that ten of the Barbadoes fleet were arrived in several ports of that kingdom; that one of them was stranded in Bantry Bay: that a West India ship had been taken by a French caper, who took out all her men but 8, and put 12 of his own on board to carry her to France, but the ship being in distresse were forced to lett the English pylot them, who brought the ship into Wexford.

A ship is come to Kingsale from Cadiz; the master sayes, admiral Russel is fitting out his fleet with all expedition, on advice the French king hath ordered the fleet at Thoulon to repasse the Streights.

No news yet of the Tyger or Modena.

The bomb vessells for admiral Russell are fully fixt and ready to sail.

Wrote from Amsterdam, that their Muscovy fleet, richly laden, is safely arrived there in the Texell; and the Hull fleet of 30 sail under 3 convoys.

Letters from Copenhagen say, that Dubart with his squadron is at Fleckeren, but was sending forward his fleet of naval stores under convoy of the Swedes and Danes bound thither.

A draught of gunners and matrosses are gone for Flanders, and a train of artillery is preparing to follow.

The bill for triennial parliaments lies ready for the royal assent, the lords having agreed to the same without amendments.

Thursday, 20 *Dec.*—The lords yesterday putt off the bill to make perjury to be felony, ordering the judges by Fryday to prepare a clause to make it more effectual.

This day the lords heard sir Richard Verney's claim to the title of lord Brook, and putt off the debate till Saturday 7night, when the attorney general is to be heard on behalf of the king.

Wrote from the Hague, that a gentleman of Zealand, who

had agreed with Dubart to goe with a French commission to destroy their trade in the East Indies, is condemned to ten years imprisonment, to be banished for ever the provinces of Holland, Zealand, and West Frizeland, and to have his estate confiscated.

Jasper Dubart, son to the famous pyrate of that name, is forced ashore on the coast of Zealand, where he is taken with his ship, being a privateer of Dunkirk of 14 guns.

Our merchants are preparing to send ten ships more with cloth with all expedition to Turky.

Yesterday's letters say, that 7 of our Virginia ships fell in with the French off that Cape, and were taken.

Wrote from Harwich, that a Dutch frigat has taken and brought in there a Dunkirk privateer of 14 guns and 54 men.

The commissioners of the admiralty have sent to the shipwrights to hasten the bomb ketches.

We have an account that the Venetians have taken and carried to Scio 7 Turky ships bound with corn from Egypt to Constantinople.

Great part of the citty of Orleans in France is burnt down by fire.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that an expresse was arrived there from Orkney, with advice that a ship, under Dutch colours, being forced in by stresse of weather, the captain and 30 of his men went ashore, pretending to be from Amsterdam, but the steward of the place suspecting the contrary, armed the inhabitants, and seized both ship and men, and searching her cargo found therein 10,000 small arms, with powder and ball proportionable: 'tis beleived they were designed for king James's party in the Highlands.

The squadron of men of war designed for Jamaica consists of 5 men of war and 2 fireships, commanded by captain Wilmott; they will sail forthwith to Plymouth, and take on board the forces.

Colonel Belcastle, a French refugee, with his family, went some time since in a Danish ship, the captain pretending to be bound for Ostend, but instead of that carried them to Dunkirk, where they were made prisoners.

Saturday, 22 *Dec.*—Yesterday in the afternoon the com-

mittee of elections satt, Mr. Henry Boyle chairman, and heard the election for Chippenham, sir Basil Firebrasse petitioning against Mr. Long; and upon hearing the same the committee came to a resolution on behalf of Mr. Long, that he was duly chosen, without dividing.

The commons, upon the kings passing this day the triennial parliament bill gave a great humm.

A Dutch man of war has brought into Yarmouth Road a Dunkirk privateer of 10 guns.

The king has made Mr. Vaughan, chaplain to the house of commons, a prebend of Windsor.

Captain Lillingston has kist the kings hand, and goes major of that regiment to Jamaica.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered 8 bomb vessells more then they first design'd to be forthwith built.

The board of ordnance have ordered the gunners &c. belonging to the train to be in a readinesse to goe to Flanders.

This day a new mortar of 7 tunn weight, the biggest that ever mas made in England, was cast in Bunhill Feilds.

His majestie has given directions for his equipage to be gott ready with all expedition, designing for Flanders sooner then any of the foregoing campagnes.

Above 1500 seamen have listed themselves at Chatham &c. since the proclamation came out for their encouragement.

The commissioners of the navy have appointed 2 of their number to goe immediately to Chattham to inspect and hasten the equipping of our fleet.

The confederates in league against France have renew'd their alliance, and the same has been since ratifyed.

The queen is somewhat indisposed, and 'tis feared she will have the small pox.

The house of lords are adjourned till Thursday, and the commons till Fryday next.

This day came in a foreign post, which sayes, the Cossacks subjects to the Poles have taken Palancan in Tartary, in which were 24 peices of cannon, and afterwards burnt it, having first taken out vast rich presents, which the grand seignior was sending to the cham of Tartary.

Tuesday, 25 *Dec.*—The ministers of the allyes have unanimously declared they will give no regard to any proposalls

that shal for the future be made by the French king upon the subject of an accomodation.

The French letters say, that the intendants of Provence very much fear that the raising of the poll tax will occasion a generall defection amongst the people.

Mr. Gary, minister of Putney in Surrey, sitting by the fireside with his wife and children, one of them playing with a pistoll (thought not to be charged) shott it off and kill'd his father.

On St. Thomas's day, according to custome, the common council of London was chosen at the several ward moots much the same as last year.

The lord mayor and aldermen of London have forbid feasting at the quests as formerly.

Yesterday the congee d'eslier for electing Dr. Tenison archbishop of Canterbury was returned accordingly.

The queen was taken ill on Saturday last, and 'twas feared to be the small pox, but this morning her physitians perceived it to be the measles: she was this day prayed for in all the churches about this citty: the king is so extreamly concerned at it, that he has ordered a bed in her majesties room at Kensington, and will not stir from her, but sees all things administred to her himself; there are no ill symptoms appear, but is in a hopefull way of recovery.

Wrote from Ireland, that 13 of the tories mentioned in the proclamation are apprehended there.

The dauphin is to command the French army in Flanders next year; and the elector of Brandenburgh will make the campagne under the king of England.

From Amsterdam 'tis wrote, that 2 privateers of that place, of 20 guns each, had taken and brought into the Texell 3 French prizes laden with corn, and 4 with navall stores.

Thursday, 27 *Dec.*—Dartmouth, 23d; a Zealand caper has brought in here a French privateer of 8 guns, and a French prize of 60 tuns laden with wine and brandy: the prisoners say, the French work night and day upon their squadron at Rochfort, but are fitting out only 4 frigats at Brest of 30 guns each, and 2 privateers of 16 each.

Two highway men were this week seized at Harrow on the Hill, and brought to town, and committed to Newgate.

The elector of Saxony has ratifyed the allyance with the emperor, by which he is obliged to send 8000 of his veteran troops to the Rhine next summer.

We were in mighty hopes on Tuesday that the queens illnesse was only occasioned by the measles, but her majestie suddenly changing, and having a bad nights rest, the physitians found next morning there were some bad symptoms, that 'twas certainly the small pox, attended with St. Anthonies fire, which caused some blew spots; upon which a consult of 9 physitians was held, and they prescribed that her majestie should be again lett blood, and scarifyed in the forehead, to prevent the effects of St. Anthony's fire, and had diverse blisters made to keep it from her head; she rested tolerably well last night, but about 5 this morning began to grow worse, and has continued so most of the day, insomuch that her recovery is very much doubted: she took the sacrament last night and likewise this day from the hands of the archbishop of Canterbury.

The mariage of the earl of Dorsett with the late lord Allington's daughter is putt off by reason of the queens illnesse; and the players are commanded not to act.

Engineer Richards and captain Baxter are gone down to Woolwich and Chattham to give the necessary orders for fitting up the bomb ketches and other necessaries for the expedition next summer in the narrow seas.

Saturday, 29th Dec.—This evening was published an order of the earl marshall of England, requiring all persons to putt themselves into deep mourning for her majestie the late queen of blessed memory.

Yesterday about one in the morning her majestie departed this life at Kensington; the king is mightily afflicted thereat, and the whole court, as also this citty, and 'tis impossible to expresse the general grief upon this occasion.

The council last night satt to consider of the best method for performing the funeral rites, which will be done privately on Monday night; her bowells are already deposited in Henry 7ths chappell, and the corpse will be removed this night to Whitehall, the withdrawing room being hung in mourning for that purpose, and the ceremony will be much after the nature of that of king Charles the 2d.

The queen had a dissolution of blood, so that it was impossible to save her life, as it appears since she was embalmed.

The prince of Denmark was yesterday to condole the king, but his majestie being asleep he did not see him.

The lord Arundel of Wardor, aged 88, is dead.

The common council of this citty are summoned to meet at Guildhall this next Monday.

The bank of England since the queens death is fallen 3*l.* per cent. in their actions; but the East India company having a vast quantity of muslins by them, they will sell for double the price.

The confederate fleet in the Streights will consist of 80 men of war, and 50 in the narrow seas, besides 40 bomb ketches.

The Rotterdam fleet of 20 sail, under one convoy, are arrived safe at Hull.

This day came in 2 foreign mails, which bring from Vienna, that the imperialists have taken Gyula from the Turks.

The elector of Brandenburgh sends next summer 8000 of his troops to Catalonia.

The king of the Romans makes the next campagne on the Rhine.

Mareschal Catinat lost 400 men in the snow as they were passing the Alpes.

The duke of Parma dyed the 8th instant, leaving behind him two sonns.

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Tuesday, 1 *Jan.*—A fleet of Dutch merchânt ships of about 80 sail, bound for Spain and Portugal, are arrived at St. Hellens under several convoys.

On Fryday last his majestie sent a Dutch gentleman to the Hague to notifye the death of his royal consort to the states general, and to send expresses thence to his ministers at the several courts of the allies to acquaint them with the same.

We have advice, that 5 French men of war are sailed up the Channel from Brest in order to join Du Bart in Norway.

His majestie hath been pleased to declare, that as places fall he will provide for the domesticks of the late queen, and in the mean time provision shall be made for them.

Collonel Dean, a member of parliament, is lately dead of the small pox.

Last night the lord mayor, aldermen, and common council agreed upon an addresse of condolence to the king for the losse of the queen; and about 8 in the evening the two sherifs went to Kensington to know when his majestie would be attended therewith, and he was pleased to appoint this day; and accordingly the lord mayor &c. presented the same, and were favourably received.

The common council have resolved to sett up the king and queens effigies in white marble upon the Exchange at their own charge.

His majestie yesterday was pleased to send the archbishop of Canterbury to wait on the princesse of Denmark; and tis said she will be allowed a guard as heir of the crown.

The council have ordered the queen to lye in state in the banquetting house next Sunday, and there will be a publick funerall.

The river Thames is almost frozen over.

Wrote from Paris, that the French king has ordered two forts of 20 guns each to be built in the sea for the security of Calais; and has sent to the duke of Tuscany to recall his envoy, who gave intelligence to the confederates.

Wrote from Vienna, that the emperor, at the instance of the Dutch ambassador, has promised a pardon to count Teckely.

Some letters say, the duke of Bavaria has permitted 20 French lords to come and see the ceremony of his marriage.

The house of peers are adjourned till Thursday.

Thursday, 3 *Jan.*—His majestie has been pleased to offer the prince and princesse of Denmark Whitehall for their residence; and after the queens funeral their highnesses will remove thither.

The king has given the countesse of Darby all the furniture of the room the queen dyed in.

His majesties upolster has orders to buy 6000 yards of black cloth for the hanging of Whitehall, Kensington, Hampton Court, and the presence chamber at Windsor; he is also to provide 400 yards of purple velvet for the kings bedding and apartment.

This day the workmen began to fitt up the banquetting house for the queen to lye in state; and sir Christopher

Wrenn has orders to prepare rails from Whitehall to Westminster Abby, and the walks betwixt them to be gravelled, and the rails to be covered with black cloth.

The heralds at arms are preparing necessaries for a publick funerall.

The princesse is to be cheif mourner, and 200 old women to walk before in mourning, and to have 40*s.* each; the whole charge is computed at about 100,000*l.*

The house of peers have ordered sir Richard Verney's plea to be heard next Monday, and the treason bill on Tuesday, and so adjourned till Monday.

On Sunday morning 8 men broke into Mr. Cockdales house near Watford, and carryed off 2700*l.*, but 2 being foot men, they were taken.

Mr. Young, a scrivener in Southwark, being at a coffee house that morning the queen dyed, rejoyced much thereat, and used some malitious expressions; on a suddain a palenesse came in his face; he satt down, and in a few minutes dyed.

This day came in a foreign mail; wrote from Paris, that the duke of Luxemburgh dyed the 2d instant at his house near Versailles of a pleurisy in the 68th year of his age.

The elector of Bavaria mett his electoresse at Wesell, and the ceremony of his mariage was consummated in that castle on the 2d, and the 3d instant they went to Brussells.

Captain Dubart arrived at Dunkirk the 3d instant with 17 ships laden with naval stores.

Both armies are in motion in Flanders; the duke of Holstein Ploen will attacque some French town.

Saturday, 5 *Jan.*—Yesterday came in a foreign post; from Turky tis wrote, that the bassa of Scio is beheaded, the grand mufti banished, the admiral of the Ottoman gallies dead, the grand vizier disposing matters for retaking of Scio, and to favour his enterprize hath sent orders to the serasquiers of Negropont and Bosnia to invade the Morea early in the spring; that the Turks have renew'd the prohibition of commerce with the Venetians; and that the regency of Tripoli have resolv'd to send 20 of their men of war to join the Ottoman fleet next summer.

From Paris it's confirmed that Luxemburgh is dead, that

madam Maintenon is very ill, and that the dauphin had 2 fits of an ague, and had taken the Jesuits powder for it.

From the Hague, that the states have at the recommendation of the king of England ordered all the reform'd ministers in their dominions to keep close to the synod of Dort for preserving unity, and that they don't teach or write any thing contrary theretoo.

That the Suedish envoy there has communicated to their highnesses new proposalls of peace, which his master received from the French ambassador, and that the two northern crowns will reassume the office of mediators.

From Cadiz, that admiral Russell is in good health, and keeps a great retinew, having 100 men in liveries; that the cruizers there bring in daily rich prizes, and have taken 2 sally men of war of 18 and 24 guns and 300 men.

That the Moors continue the seige of Ceuta; that they had lost before the place by sword, sicknesse, and weather 12,000 men; and that the seige is carried on by French officers and engineers.

The princesse is only to have the queens apartment in Whitehall.

Yesterday several cart load of arms were brought to the Tower.

Some dayes since captain Baxter petitioned the board of ordnance that some of the firemasters and engineers might be left in England to prepare fireworks, and to serve next summer in the ocean, sir Martin Beckman having drawn out most of the experienced to goe with him to the Streights; and yesterday the council ordered a certain number of them to be left behind, and directions for them to work day and night on the bombs and carcasses that are to be employed in the narrow seas.

His majestie has promised that the late queens servants shall have their salaries paid them during his life as if she were living.

This day was published an order of the council for the alteration of the Common Prayer Book in such places where the king and queen was prayed for, and ordering the leaving out the queen.

Tuesday, 8 *Jan.*—The late queens royal regiment of guards,

commanded by the lord Cutts, is to be given to the princesse, and styled her royal regiment.

Saturday the lord Cutts went for Plymouth, and yesterday an expresse was sent after him with new instructions touching the embarquing of those forces for Jamaica.

This day commissary Murrey sett forward for that place, and will be followed on Thursday by collonel Lillingston.

The committee of council have adjusted all the preliminaries for the queens interment; and have given in the names of the old women, which it's said will be 300, each to have a long gown, and a boy to hold up their trains, to walk before the queens corpse, and to have a weekly maintenance till things can be gott ready, and 5*l.* each in money.

The prince of Denmark on Sunday was with his majestie some time in private; and the princesse designed to have attended the king as yesterday, but being ill, and her physitians thinking it not safe, she durst not venture out, but sent to excuse her self to the king, the lord Fitzharding carrying the message.

The ship Diego of Boston is arrived at Falmouth in 5 weeks from New England, and brought over sir William Phipps, who is cited to appear at court to answer several articles exhibited against him for irregularities in his government: they say the Indians are very troublesom to the inhabitants.

We have advice, that 3 French ships belonging to Dubarts squadron, laden with navall stores, fell in with 3 Ostend capers in a fogg on that coast, and were all taken.

Several Jacobites at Bristoll, upon news of the queens death, made publick rejoycings, by ringing of bells, &c.; an account of which is come to court; for which they will be prosecuted, and some regiments sent to quarter among them.

Letters from Ireland say, the tories and rapparees are gott together in a body of 800 in the counties of Cork and Kerry; they have already ruin'd several families, and threatnen to burn the open towns unlesse they pay them contributions; upon which the government have sent 7 batallions of foot and some troops of dragoons to look after them, and to give no quarter.

Yesterday the house of peers heard council on the claim of sir Richard Verney to the barony of Brook, and adjourned the further hearing till Thursday.

This day the lords were upon the treason bill, and are to be upon it again on Monday.

Thursday, 10 *Jan.*—Captain Clyes, commander of the Spanish expedition, arrived at Falmouth from the Groyne, sayes, the report there was, that 3000 Spaniards were sent from St. Sebastians to reinforce their army in Catalonia, where the marquesse de Gastanaga, the new viceroy, is arrived: and that the Dragon frigat had taken a French privateer of 34 guns after a small resistance, and carried her to the coast of Portugal.

Most of the men of war designed for Cadiz are fallen down to Blackstakes, and will sail in 3 weeks with 1000 marine soldiers, some thousand of seamen for admiral Russell, and 5 regiments of foot, viz. Stewards, Hastings, Rowes, Coots and Venners, and it's said are to be put on shoare at Barcelona.

Yesterday the commissioners of the customes made a reform among the officers of the customes at Bristoll, and the officers of the excise there will be dismist for their disrespectful behaviour towards the government.

The commissioners of the admiralty have of late had diverse consults about the squadron that is to act in the narrow seas next year, which will be much larger then the last year.

Several persons have malitiously spread abroad that Tyburn was hung in mourning, but upon examination it proves a mistake.

The king of Poland has remitted the portion of his daughter the electoresse of Bavaria to Amsterdam.

The house of peers this day debated sir Richard Verny's claim to the barony of Brook, and voted him no peer.

After which they made an order that all peers of this realm in their robes attend the corpse of the queen to the grave on foot, and to morrow are to be in a committee to consider of the method for their walking at the funerall.

The archbishop of Canterbury (who is to be translated from Lincoln next Tuesday) is to appoint who shall preach the sermon.

Sir George Willoughby, member of parliament for Marlborough, dyed on Tuesday last.

The princesse being indisposed hath not yet been to wait on his majestie, but the king hath sent the earl of Romney to her

highnesse to take care of her health, and that so soon as he comes abroad he will give her a visit.

Saturday, 12 *Jan.*—Thursday last the bishop of London, attended by his clergy, presented the king with an addresse of condolence; and his majestic was pleased to tell them, that tho the Church of England had lost their best of friends the queen, yet he was resolved to stand by it during his life, with other kind expressions; and this day the dissenting ministers did the like, and were kindly received.

Yesterdays letters from Bristol advise, that the Susannah of that place was arrived there from Barbadoes; she came out with 7 others, but was seperated in bad weather; the master sayes, on the 28th, 29th, and 30th of September last there hapned a terrible hurricane at Barbadoes, in which 17 merchant ships and 6 shalloops were lost, and 9 merchant ships disabled at Bridge Town port: he adds, that the Tyger frigat, with colonel Kendall on board, was putt back thither, having lost all her masts.

Last night an expresse arrived from Plymouth with advice, that the Cadiz fleet, consisting of 100 sail, under convoy of 6 men of war, were arrived there.

The commissioners of transportation have orders to provide 20 transport ships in 14 dayes to carry forces to Flanders.

The Cadiz fleet advise, that one of our frigats had taken in the Mediterranean, and carryed to Genoa, a French privateer of 16 guns, and a French merchant ship, laden with wine, of 130 tunn; and that a Dutch man of war had taken an Algerine man of war of 30 guns and 128 men and 40 Christian slaves; the Algerines had half their men killed before they struck; and further, that our cruizers have taken near Cape St. Vincent 2 rich French merchant ships goeing from St. Malloes to Faro with linnen worth near 400,000*l.*, and a French frigat of 46 guns, their convoy; the merchant ships carried one 40, the other 44 guns.

They say also, that the Moors have quitted the seige of Ceuta.

A mast ship is come into Cowes from New England, and sayes she left the Nonsuch frigat and another mast ship of 32 guns engaged with a French man of warr off Scilly, but knowes not the issue.

On Thursday 14 horse and 4 foot soldiers were sent to attend the princesse of Denmark as her guard.

We have certain advice, that the ordinary post betwixt Flanders and Paris is stopt, and that an embargo is laid on all their shipping; and the letters from Paris of the 7th say, that the French king was ill 3 dayes before.

This day the house of lords heard the cause between Dr. Wake and Dr. Birch concerning the living of St. James's, Westminster parish; the 1st comes in upon the presentation by the king, the latter by the bishop of London; and it was carried by 10 for the king.

Tuesday, 15 *Jan.*—We have advice from Barbadoes, that the lady North, who was marryed to colonel Russell, is dead there, by whose death 800*l.* per ann. is fallen to the lord North and Grey, and 1200*l.* per ann. to one Mr. Mosely, which was her jointure.

This day the princesse of Denmark began to appear publickly at Berkly house, and will for the future keep a court, as if she were a crowned head, whither the court ladies will resort.

Her royal highnesse visited the king on Sunday, and was gratiously received, so that all the former differences are now compremised.

Letters from Ireland give an account, that the regular troops sent against the tories have already taken about 20 of the ringleaders, whom they have hanged upon gibbetts in the high roads as a terror to the rest.

Last night came in 2 foreign mails; from Paris of the 14th they write, that the king had declared in council that the dauphin should command his army in Flanders next summer; but he endeavours to excuse it, desiring leave to take a progresse to the remotest parts of the countrey.

That king James had sent to Versailles by the earl of Middleton to notifye the death of his eldest daughter the princesse of Orange.

From Brussels, that the elector of Bavaria had received orders from Spain to send from Flanders to Catalonia, under command of count Thian, 300 horse, 2 regiments of Spanish foot, and 2 batallions of Bavarian foot, in lieu of which his electoral highnesse is to hire some German troops.

From the Hague, that a caper of 20 guns had taken and brought to Zeland 7 French prizes, two of which are laden with naval stores.

Lieutenant admiral Allemond is preparing is come for England; and that upon the sad news of the queens death the states have sent to their ambassador to make the complement of condolence to the king; and ordered their bells to be tolled for 15 dayes, by which time the people of quality and the several colledges will putt themselves in mourning.

There is on foot a treaty of commerce between England, Holland, Denmark, and Sueden.

The republick of Genoa have resolved to acknowledge king William, and several other princes and states have resolved to doe the like.

Wrote from Finall, that a design was discovered there to betray that place into the hands of the French; and have seized a priest, a monk, a doctor, and an adjutant, who were concerned therein; and against them processe is making.

The lord Spencer, son to the earl of Sunderland, is married to the lady Arabella Cavendish, daughter to the late duke of Newcastle; her fortune 25,000*l.*

Thursday, 17 *Jan.*—Yesterday came out his majesties proclamation for enlarging the time for bounty money to such seamen and landmen as shall voluntarily come into the sea service by the tenth of February next, and for regulating of protections.

The queen begins to lye in state on Sunday 7night, but will not be interred in a month.

His majestie has declared his resolution of commanding the confederate army in Flanders next summer, and is notifyeing the same to the states and allies.

His majestie hath ordered the lords of the treasury to pay 5000*l.* to sir Benjamin Bathurst, treasurer to the princesse; and tis beleived will be continued so quarterly, it being his pleasure that their highnesses take some of the queen's servants into their family.

The French king insists to have all seamen which fight under his banner, which followed king James to France, to be comprized in the cartell for exchange of prisoners, and de-

clares his intentions were alwayes so; and our council have considered of the same, and are of opinion the French king hath caused things to be done contrary to the meaning of the cartell, and therefore his majestie hath commanded that no more French prisoners be exchanged till further order.

Mr. Stepney has received his credentialls to goe his majesties envoy to Saxony.

The king of Denmark is making new levies and designs to have 20,000 men in the feild, which gives suspition to the Hamburghers and princes of Lunenburgh.

The king of the Romans is raising a regiment of 800 men, which will be called the Roman regiment.

From Paris wrote, that an order is published in Provence forbidding all merchant ships to trade into the ocean from the Levant for fear of the confederate fleet; and that all the coasts of Provence will be visited by mareschal Catinat, and fortified, particularly Marseilles.

The duke of Shrewsbury is gone to Windsor for his health; his physitians advise him to forbear all studious businesse because of a rheum fallen in his eye, which may endanger the same.

The house of peers this day heard the bill of sir Paul Pindar reported, and after went upon the treason bill, and rejected the clause that treasons should be prosecuted in 3 years; they goe upon it again on Monday.

Saturday, 19 *Jan.*—His majestie, upon the archbishops recommendation, has constituted Dr. Gardiner bishop of Lincoln, and yesterday a warrant was brought to the signet office for the same.

By letters from the lord Pagett we understand he has had two audiences of the grand vizier since he returned from Hungary, but he seem'd altogether averse to reassume the treaty of peace with the emperor.

Collonel Paschall, who was goeing commissioner of the prize office to Cadiz, is stopt, least it should disoblidge admiral Russell, to whom 'tis said his majestie will give the disposall of all prizes taken in the Streights.

The prince and princesse have made another visit to the king; and as soon as the king appears in publick he intends

to entertain their royal highnesses at dinner, when 'tis expected he will declare the duke of Glocester duke of York, and give the queens regiment to the princesse.

Mr. Monger and two other goldsmiths are in trouble, being accused of furnishing clippers with broad money, for which they received 25*l.* per cent.

We have advice from Plymouth, that the Germoon spy boat is arrived there in 8 weeks from Jamaica with an expresse from sir William Beeston, that 2 men of war and 400 land men on board had made an attempt upon Petit Guaves, a French collony, where they burnt a French man of war, and brought off much plunder: the French since their late invasion there have been with some small ships on the back of Jamaica, and carried off many negroes: they add, that the island is not yet free from trembling, and very sickly to the new comers.

The 14th the lord Cutts made a draught of 1200 men out of 4 regiments, and immediately imbarqued them for Jamaica; his lordship broke all the officers of collonel Lillingstons regiment, except the colonel, 3 captains, 2 lieutenants, and one ensign, for being unwilling to goe to the West Indies.

The house of lords have rejected the bill for making perjury felony; and have resolved at the queens funeral to goe between the commons and the corpse.

Thursday the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where 11 received sentence of death; the sessions began the 14th, held the 15th, 16th, and 17th, where several criminalls were tryed; 10 were burnt in the hand, 9 received sentence of death, 2 ordered to be whipt, and one fined.

Tuesday, 22 *Jan.*—We had letters last night from the Hague of the 27th instant with advice, that the French king had ordered monsieur Chatteau Renaut to arm 35 men of war at Thoulon, and passe with them into the ocean.

That the king of Persia was dead, in the 48th year of his age, and 27th of his reign.

That the grand vizier had sworn to the French ambassador by Mahomet that he will continue the war a year longer, the same being agreed upon in the council of war by majority of voices.

That the elector of Saxony had agreed to send 3000 of his troops to Hungary this next campagne.

That an expresse was arrived at Madrid from Catalonia, that 3000 French, which were sent out to raise contributions, were mett by the Spanish cavalry, and intirely defeated.

There are letters from Venice which say, that their fleet in the canal of Metellino fell in with the Turkish fleet, consisting of 17 gallies and 20 men of war, which were design'd for the retaking of Scio, and after a sharp dispute gott a mastery over them, and afterwards made themselves masters of the island of Metellino, near the mouth of the Dardanells; but this coming thither only by a master of ship, 'twill need a confirmation.

On Sunday morning sir William Thompson, one of the kings serjeants at law, departed this life.

Simon Smith, esq., member of parliament for East Greensted, is dead; whereby the place of harbinger to the king is vacant, worth 500*l.* per ann., in the gift of the lord chamberlain, the earl of Dorsett.

Yesderday the lords heard the appeal of Mr. Hall for Mr. Tuckers estate, condemned for being concerned with the duke of Monmouth; the case was so plain that the lords, nemine contradicente, affirm'd the reversal of the attainder in favour of Tucker.

Last night part of Westminster school was burnt by accident, and some manuscripts belonging to the library destroyed.

Captain Cheney, of colonel Faringtons regiment, was last night killed by one of his fellow officers.

A habeas corpus was this morning allowed for bringing up hither Mr. Lawes, who kill'd Mr. Wilson, he being apprehended in Leicestershire as he was riding post for Scotland.

Thursday, 24 *Jan.*—Yesterday his majestie after dinner, attended by his guards, having in the coach with him the earls of Scarborough and Portland, went to the house of one Mr. Lattin in Richmond Park, where he will continue till Saturday evening, to give opportunity to putt Kensington house into mourning.

Yesterday, being 1st day of the term, several persons upon bail appeared in the court of kings bench, and had their appearances recorded, of which number was Mr. Crosby, who will be tryed Tuesday 7night for high treason; and Mr. Dyer, the

news writer, will be tryed the latter end of the term for misdemeanours.

A great summ of money is sent from the exchequer to Chatham to pay off the docks and yards there.

Plymouth, Jan. 20th: yesterday the lord Cutts viewed the new dock here, and dined with the commissioners of the navy; the transport ships, with the forces on board, are by his lordships order gone into the Sound, and on Tuesday, if the wind serve, will sail for Falmouth in their way to Jamaica.

The duke of Shrewsbury is recovered of his illnesse, and returned again to town.

This day the instrument for the archbishops homage past the privy seal; and on Sunday next his grace designs to perform the ceremonial part of his homage to his majestie at Kensington, according to the usual custom, by falling on his knees, and swearing allegiance to his majestie.

The states general are sending hither two extraordinary ambassadors to join in commission with the ambassador here to make their complement of condolence to his majestie, and to testifye their zeale for his majesties interest.

The states send but 10 men of war to join the English convoy that will be goeing for Cadiz about the middle of February.

Letters from Paris advise, that the grand council for marine affairs have resolved that every ship of war in the kingdom shall be forthwith equipt, to form if possible a fleet sufficient either to drive admiral Russell from the Streights, or fight the confederate fleet in the Channel; by which means they will maintain their credit with the Port.

The lords have alter'd the treason bill, and made it not to commence till 1698.

Their lordships heard a cause between Tottershell, putt into a living by the bishop of Salisbury, and Mr. Fitzherbert, and gave it for the last.

Saturday, 26 Jan.—Yesterday the house of peers had under consideration the state of the nation; and the earl of Nottingham in a speech took occasion to acquaint them, that seeing there would be a necessity of his majesties goeing beyond sea next campagne, 'twas worthy of their consideration to recommend fitt persons to govern this realm during his ab-

sence; adding, that the Lancashire plott ought to be considered, and the abuses complained of in the royal bank, and likewise the sending and continuing our navy in the Streights; as also 'twould be requisite to find an expedient to prevent clipping, coyning, and exporting the currant cash; and earnestly recommended to their lordships to appoint dayes to debate the several heads, in which the nations welfare was so immediately concerned: he was seconded by the earl of Rochester, by the earl of Monmouth, and the marquesse of Hallifax; they were answered by the lord Godolphin and the duke of Leeds; and in conclusion the question was putt, whither to appoint a sett day to debate these matters, and carried in the negative by 10 votes.

This day the lords past the treason bill with amendments; and after read the apothecaries bill; and ordered all the witnesses and the council in the Lancashire plott to attend on Monday.

This day the king returned from Richmond to Kensington, where he dined; and for the future will appear publickly.

His majestie hath given orders to such collonels as have regiments in England to observe an exact discipline in their quarters, and that if they find any of their inferiour officers remisse in their duty, immediately to casheer them; and has also ordered a draught to be made out of the earl of Oxford's regiment to recruit his guards in Flanders.

Yesterday the council dismist the petition of claim putt in by the countesse of Derby to be cheif mourner at the queens funeral, so the dutchesse of Somerset will have that honour.

The report of Lawes being taken in Leicestershire proves a mistake; 'twas another person.

300,000*l.* is already come in upon the credit of the land tax now depending.

Wensday last 6 highway men robb'd near 50 persons in Maidenhead thicket.

Yesterday 6 malefactors were executed at Tyburn.

Each 60*l.* in the bank that was paid in in principal money is now worth 90*l.*

Tuesday, 29th Jan.—Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails, which say, the general dyet in Poland open'd the 12th December, but with such high disputes that swords were drawn

between the Polonian and Lithuanian deputies about the choice of a new marshall, and had not the dyet been forthwith seperated much mischeif would have ensued; and 'tis beleived if the difference between the bishop of Welda and grand marshal of Lithuania be not timely accomodated, there will be no good conclusion of their deliberations.

Letters from France advise, that their king has ordered 2 frigats of 40 guns each to be fitted up at Thoulon, and to put on board them a great number of bombs and other fireworks design'd as a present to the grand seignior.

The Swisse cantons have denyed him leave to raise 6000 men in their territories.

The 3000 men that goe from Flanders to Catalonia are come to Ostend to embark there, and so to take the benefit of the English and Dutch convoys that goe for Cadiz.

The king of Denmark is sending 6000 men to the assistance of the emperor upon the Rhine.

Saturday last, before his majestie left Richmond, he diverted himself with shooting flying on horseback, making 7 shotts all successfull.

On Sunday the king dined publickly, and was very chearfull; in the evening he came to council, where several points were adjusted in relation to the queens funerall; one was, that the archbishop of Canterbury should preach the funeral sermon, he being most with the queen in her sicknesse.

Yesterday the duke of Shrewsbury came the 1st time to his office at Whitehall since his indisposition, and thence went to the house of peers, who were upon the examination of the Lancashire plott, and this day were upon it again, and examined some of the witnesses upon oath, and the rest are to attend again upon Fryday.

This day the frost began to thaw, which hath continued with great snow for this month past with much severity.

Thursday, 31 *Jan.*—On Tuesday the council was extraordinarily assembled, his majestie being present; and the lords of the admiralty attended, and received instructions to equipp with all expedition all the men of warr in the ports of England that are fitt for the line of battle, his majestie being resolved to have a strong squadron in the narrow seas.

Orders are sent to Ireland to recruit the regiments there; and his majestie designs to raise a regiment of foot there.

Some noblemen of Scotland are solliciting the king to make them dukes of that kingdom.

We hear the Ostend capers have taken and carried thither a French privateer of 12 guns, and 2 French ships laden with naval stores.

Last night the countesse of Bradford dyed, aged 72, and sister to the duke of Bedford.

The same night one Mr. Raneer, a gentleman of Lincolns Inn, being at cards with one Mr. Symball, an eminent builder, at his house in So ho, they quarelled, and the latter was wounded in 3 places, of which he instantly dyed, and the other made his escape.

An account is come, that 2 Dutch men of war have taken in the Levant a French man of war of 70 guns goeing to Constantinople with a vast summ of money from the French king to the grand seignior.

The bassa of Gyula has putt himself under protection of the emperor for fear of being strangled for surrendring that place, he having at that time a months provisions at full allowance.

This day Mr. Williams, pursuant to an order of the house of lords, attended with sir Paul Pindar, an infant; and their lordships delivered him to Mr. Cooling, usher to the house, that the lord keeper may be his guardian.

The lords proceeded upon the debate of the fleet, and had captain Preistman of the admiralty before them, and ordered him to lay before them on Monday next coppies of all instructions sent to the fleet last year, and in what condition the fleet is now at Cadiz, and what provisions &c. they have.

Saturday, 2 Febr.—The bank has declared, that so soon as the parliament settles the funds they will advance his majestie 2 millions at 5*l.* per cent., having 1,200,000*l.* by them in old gold and silver.

They continue to work upon the apartments at Whitehall for the queen to lye in state; but the bed of state for the corpse to lye on will not be ready till the 11th instant, when she will lye in state about 14 dayes, tho some think she will not be interr'd till 6th of March, when the foreign ambassadors will hold up the pall.

The commissioners of the customes have made a great reform among their inferiour officers; and the commissioners of excise have turn'd out all the guagers that keep publick houses.

Thursday the council had the affair of the fleet in the Streights under consideration, and came to several resolutions.

Letters from Plymouth say, that a Dutch caper had taken after 4 hours fight a French caper belonging to Dunkirk of 10 guns, and in the action 10 of the French were killed.

The emperor has declared in council that count Caprara shall be general in Hungary next campagne, and act offensive with 60,000 men.

Paris letters say, count Teckely had written to the French king, pressing him to send 30,000 crowns to him, he being in want.

Two of the new bomb vessells goeing down the river to join the Cadiz convoy unhappily sunk by striking on the ice.

The duke of Shrewsbury goes next week to his country seat in Glocestershire, to stay for some short time.

The tryal of Mr. Crosby, which was to have come on Tuesday next, is putt off till Fryday.

Instructions are sent to the commissioners of the victualling office to hasten their preparations, which have been retarded by the violence of the season.

Mr. Congreeve having published in print a poem upon the queen, his majestie hath ordered him 100 guineas for the same.

The court of kings bench have ordered an information against lieutenant Harris for putting money into countrey men's hands, pretending 'twas his majesties, and for that reason he detained them against their wills.

Tuesday, 5 Febr.—The house of lords having reversed the judgment in the kings bench in favour of the bishop of Exeter, his lordship yesterday moved the said court to give judgment against Dr. Berry in order to put his lordship into possession; but the court declined it, sayeing, that the lords, upon reversal of the judgment, should have done it themselves.

A mariage is agreed between the lord Eland and the lady Mary Finch, eldest daughter to the earl of Nottingham; her fortune 20,000*l.*

Some dayes since a message was sent to the commissioners

of sick and wounded, signifyeing, that if they did not make such of the pyrates as are not convicted prisoners of war, the lord mayor would discharge them out of Newgate; but this affair is not yet determined by the councill.

The princesse has displaced Mr. Ettrick, her sollicitor general, for voting against the word *heirs* in the land tax bill.

Yesterday came in a Spanish mail, with letters from Portugal, that 2 French capers had taken and carried into the river of Lisbon 3 prizes; that admiral Russel is in perfect health, and the fleet in great forwardnesse.

Letters from Cadiz say, that a chiaux from the grand seignior was come to Algiers with presents for the dey, and instructions for him to unite the regency of Tunis to that of Algier, exhorting him at same time to join his fleet with the Ottoman fleet.

Letters from St. Antonio advise, that the Faulkland mast ship was brought in there by 3 Dutch capers, who retook her from a French man of war of 80 guns and 600 men; the French, finding the Dutch coming up, gave the ship to the English on board, chusing rather to surrender her to them then to suffer the Dutch to have any profit by her.

The Nonesuch frigat was also taken by the said French man of war, (the commander being first killed.) and 4 dayes after the fight she foundred at sea.

The lords were upon examination of the Lancashire plott this day, and ordered Mr. Aaron Smith to give an account upon oath what money he received to carry it on.

The duke of Shrewsbury is gone for 16 dayes to his seat in Glocestershire.

Thursday, 7 Febr.—The lords had yesterday before them the master of the mint and the goldsmiths to consider how to suppresse clippers and coyners, and appointed a committee to consider of the same.

The lords this day debated the papers, instructions, and orders the admiralty sent to the fleet, and are to consider of the same next Saturday.

The tryal of Mr. Crosby, which should have come on to morrow, is putt off till 1st Tuesday in next term.

A Dutch ship is come into Harwich who spoke with a Dutch man of war that had taken on the northern coast a French

frigat of 32 guns and 180 men, which he sent to Amsterdam; the French made a desperate fight, and had his main mast brought by the board before he struck.

The countesse of Carnarvan is dead.

Yesterday commenced a great tryal at the kings bench bar, Mr. Pride plaintif, and the earls of Bath and Montague defendants, touching the estate of the late duke of Albemarle: Mr. Pride claim'd as heir at law, and endeavoured to prove that the late duke Christopher was the legitimate son of Mr. Radford, who was the 1st husband of the dutchesse: the jury were of Hartfordshire, and gave their verdict for the defendants.

Yesterday his majestie came to St. James chappell, and heard the bishop of London preach; and in his return to Kensington call'd and visited the princesse at Berkly house: and this morning his majestie went again to divert himself for a few dayes in Richmond park.

Saturday, 9 *Febr.*—Wensday last, being the princesse of Denmarks birth day, the archbishop of Canterbury, with 14 other bishops and the judges, went to Berkly house to compliment her upon the same, where was a great court of ladies.

The Suedish minister at this court has acquainted his majestie, that his master had agreed to send 4000 of his veterane troops to the emperors assistance in Hungary next campagne.

A Flushing privateer has brought into Dover a French prize of 180 tuns, laden with wine and brandy, which he took on the French coast.

We have advice from Hull, that the Rotterdam fleet was arrived there safe, under convoy of 2 English and 1 Dutch man of war: they took 3 prizes, laden with wine, salt, and brandy, goeing for Dunkirk.

Letters from Margate advise, that 2 French capers, Genoa built, appeared off that place, and having made a signal, 2 custome house officers and 2 pilots went on board, taking them to be merchant ships, and so were secured; after which they stood into that road, and took out 5 small vessells laden with butter &c. for Ostend, forced 2 others on shore that had recruits on board, and went off, since which great shooting has been heard; and 'tis hoped our frigats have mett with them.

A patent is passing the seale to constitute Mr. Burroughs knight harbenger in room of Mr. Smith, deceased.

A Flushing privateer has brought into Plymouth a French prize of 70 tuns, laden with wine, &c.

Yesterday 2 soldiers of colonel Venners regiment were by a court martial condemn'd to be shott to death for desertion.

Whitehal is now all in mourning, even the galleries below stairs and the gate, so that the queen will lye in state next week.

Yesterday the house of peers examined on oath several persons touching the proceedings in Lancashire and Cheshire, particularly Mr. Taffe, one of the witnesses; and it appearing he had received several summs of money for endeavouring to stifle the conspiracy, they committed him; and ordered Mr. Baker to deliver to the house a narrative of the proceedings there next week.

This day the lords passed the apothecaries bill, making it temporary, for 7 years only.

Tuesday, 12 *Febr.*—This day was launched at Deptford a new third rate man of war, called the Cambridge.

On Sunday the lord Widdrington dyed, as did yesterday the lord Ossulston; the latter left behind him a great estate to a son and a daughter.

The members of the house of commons that attend the queens corpse are to have long cloakes, and a medall of the king; the corps lies not in state till next week.

Four high way men, who lately broke out of Redding goale, were on Sunday taken in St. Martins Lane.

We had yesterday a Spanish post, which brings, that admiral Russel on Christmas day treated on shore the English, Dutch, and Spanish officers, with many of the grandees, at a sumptuous entertainment, consisting of above 300 dishes, and the fountain in his garden run all the time with wine; that his cruizers had lately brought into Cadiz a French man of war of 60 guns, commanded by chevalier de la Farr: the English men of war cruizing between Cape St. Vincent and Cape Finister have also taken a French man of war of 50 guns and 300 men, called the Sphere.

Our Newfoundland fleet are arrived at Bilboa, under convoy of the Archangel frigat.

The Maidstone frigat has taken and brought into Dover road a French caper of 16 guns.

A Virginia ship of 4 guns and 10 men is come to Kingsale: she mett off the Cape a French caper, who thought to have made her prize, but by a lucky shott she sunk the caper, and gott off.

On Sunday the council considered of the fleet, and communicated their resolutions to the admiralty; and yesterday the commissioners of the admiralty gave instructions to the commissioners for transportation to provide shipping to carry 4 regiments to Cadiz.

The lords were yesterday upon the businesse of the fleet; and this day they examined Baker and the Lancashire witnesses, and putt it off till Fryday.

Last night major general Dorrington made his escape out of the Tower.

Thursday, 14 *Febr.*—Brigadeer Stuart is made a major generall, and will embark with the 4 regiments when the convoy sets sail for Cadiz.

Sunday his majestie was godfather to a son of the earl of Manchester, whose name was William, Mr. chancellor of the exchequer supplying the kings place.

Dyer, the news writer, has been tryed at Guildhall for inserting in his letters false and scandalous news against the government, especially ridiculing the Lancashire plott, and was convicted.

Lunt, Wilson, and Wombell, three of the witnesses against the Lancashire gentlemen, are ordered to be bailed out of the kings bench.

The king yesterday heard Dr. Wake preach at St. James's chappell, and in his return to Kensington made another visit to the princesse of Denmark at Berkly house.

Yesterday the house of peers ordered the duke of Norfolk to lay before them the method of the queens funeral.

And they ordered a bill to be brought in to prevent the buying and selling of offices.

This day the lords read several orders about the admiralty, and are to be upon the same again on Monday.

We have advice from Limrick in Ireland, that captain Lynstone, with 50 of the militia, surprized 20 rapparees as they

were plundering a village in the county of Kerry; 8 of them were killed, and the rest hanged, except the commander, who has a repreive upon promise of discovering all their haunts.

The French are hastning their fleet with all expedition; and are shipping several thousand stands of arms at Brest for use of the land men that are to be imployed on board thereof.

Saturday, 16 *Febr.*—It proves a mistake in the last by saying Dyer, the news writer, was found guilty, he being acquitted, the evidence not being full.

The Betty transport ship arrived the 12th at Plymouth in 25 hours from St. Malloes with 360 exchang'd prisoners: they say that the Nonsuch frigat, reported to be foundred at sea, was brought in there some time since; as also the Dartmouth, a frigat of 48 guns, captain Vaughan commander, 3 dayes before they came away, taken by 2 privateers, one of 36, the other of 44 guns, who took her in the Channel after 4 hours dispute, in which they soon shott down her main and mizzen masts, and killed 30 of her men.

Dartmouth, the 12th; this day came in the Mary from Guernsey, with advice, that one of our capers took 3 ships, laden with wine and brandy, out of 300 sail bound to Dunkirk, and that another Jersey privateer took 2 more of them: they advise, that 10 flyboats, under 4 men of war, were goeing from Rochell to Dunkirk with stores; two men of war are seen fyring off the Start, and one of them being English hath the wind.

Two Zealand capers have taken near Corsica a French tartane, laden with silk, which they brought to Genoa, worth 100,000 crowns.

Letters from Lisbon advise, that the Spanish ambassador had prevailed with the king of Portugall to send 8000 men to beat the Moors from Ceuta.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered the commissioners of the navy immediately to fitt up 12 ships, 6 for admiral Russel, and 6 for the Channell.

Yesterday Mr. Preston, a Norfolk gentleman, was knighted by the king.

Mr. Standish of Standish, sent for into custody by the house of commons, is not to be found.

This day the lords were again upon the Lancashire plott,

and resolved there was ground for the prosecution at Manchester.

Tuesday, 19 *Febr.*—His majestie hath been pleased to declare in council his resolution of goeing to Flanders the beginning of Aprill.

Saturday the commissioners of the admiralty named captains and other officers for 11 new men of war ready to come off the stocks.

This day was launched a 4th rate ship of 60 guns at Rotherith, called the Lincoln.

Mr. Braddon, who suffered much in the late reigns, is made sollicitor to the wine licence office; his salary 100*l.* per ann.

The Dutch are preparing to send 16 sail of ships to the East Indies this spring.

Sunday last a pacquet was brought to the commissioners of the admiralty, which was taken by one of our cruizers near Bullogne, and being opened discovered several letters of the disaffected here to the late king.

Orders are sent to all our seaports for our privateers to goe out a cruizing 3 in a company, the better to molest the enemy.

Several persons of Guernsey are accused of corresponding with France.

The Gally privateer of Flushing and the Roman privateer of Zealand on the 14th put into Falmouth, who 5 dayes before saw 28 sail of French ships come out of Camaret Bay under convoy of 2 men of war of 28 and 30 guns, and among them 6 or 8 snaws of 8 or 10 guns each; they followed them as farr as Guernsey, but finding them of too great force stood off for Falmouth.

One of our Tinn ships, which had on board stores for the Pembrook, found'red near Cherburgh in Normandy, but the men were saved in the long boat, and come home.

Wrote from Dartmouth that a ship is arrived there from Guernsey; the master saith that some prisoners, taken and brought in there, give account that 300 sail of French ships, under 4 convoys, with wine and provisions, were sailed from Carricke Road for Dunkirk for their army in Flanders; and that 10 great fly boats are taking in bombs and other warlike stores at Rochell.

Yesterday the lords were again upon the Lancashire plott;

and they resolved, that the house was of opinion that those judges that acted any way in the late proceedings and tryalls did nothing.

This day the lords heard the cause between the executors of sir William Basset and Mr. Noseworthy, and affirmed the judgment in the kings bench for the latter.

Thursday, 21 *Febr.*—This morning a 3d rate man of war, called the Cambridge, of 80 guns, was launched at Deptford; as also the Chichester, another 3d rate of 80 guns, at Chatham.

This afternoon the queen began to lye in state in the bedchamber, all the officers of her household attending, according to their offices, under the direction of the marquesse of Winchester, her chamberlain; and the ladies of honour also attend, 4 of whom stand about the corpse, and are releiv'd by others every half hour; upon her head lyes the crown, and over it a fine canopy; at her feet lyes the sword of state, the helmet and her arms upon a cushion, the banners and scutcheons hanging round; the state is very great, and more magnificent then can be exprest: all persons are admitted, without distinction: she is to lye so every day from 12 till 5 a clock till she is interr'd.

Munday last sir William Phipps, governor of New England, died here, but not known who will succeed him.

Tuesday the board of ordnance sent orders to the kings founder in Bunhill Feilds to cast 15 new peices of cannon and as many mortars.

This day came in severall Flanders mails; they bring little news, only that a fire happ'ned at Ipres, which burnt 20 houses, with the gate of Newport, and a magazine of provisions, which much streightned the French on that side.

This night 9 persons brought from Jersey, who are in custody of Allen the messenger, and are to be examined before the council; they pretend to make a discovery of a design to putt that island into the hands of the French.

1000 recruits are shipping off for Flanders.

Saturday, 23 *Febr.*—Yesterday came in a foreign mail, which brings, that 6 officers concerned in the late tumult at Adrianople had been strangled, and 315 more putt to death for the same, which severity hath putt a stop theretoo.

From Poland, that Camineec is reduced to the last extremity.

From Italy, that Cazall is in great want; and that a quantity of lewisd'ores were seized in 3 tuns of wine, which were goeing to the governor thereof, he having obtained a passe for the same.

Letters from Madrid say, the Moors have made 3 assaults upon Ceuta, but repulsed with the losse of 3000 men; the Spaniards had received little losse in the action: the English cruizers continue to bring in prizes to Cadiz.

Admiral Russell has sent 12 men of war to meet the English and Dutch Turky fleet, and convoy them home.

Several transport ships are gone for Finall to carry soldiers from thence to Catalonia.

Letters from Stockholm advise, that divers French ships are seized there by way of reprizal; and thereon the French ambassador demanded audience of his Suedish majestie, but was refused.

Wrote from Brest, that 8000 men are drawn together there, and transport vessells taken up; and that the men of war are fitting up in that port with all diligence; but letters from Thoulon speak not of any preparations there.

Wrote from Brussells, that a party of 160 men of the garison of Aeth lay in ambush near St. Guislain, and in the night 3 of them past the ditch over the ice, and burnt 1000 load of forage laid up there by the French, and returned.

Yesterday, by order of his majestie, a vast quantity of small fire arms, with bombs, ball and powder, were shipt off at the Tower for Flanders.

Yesterday his majestie went to Richmond a shooting, and returned this night to Kensington.

It is said Mr. Guy, secretary to the treasury, will be displaced, and sir Thomas Littleton succeed him.

Irish letters say that our troops have taken 27 rapparees in Munster.

The sessions began at the Old Baily the 20th, and continued the 21st and 22d, where several malefactors were tryed; 17 were burnt in the hand, 3 received sentence of death, 3 ordered to be whipt, and one fined and to stand in the pillory: and the grand jury presented the great abuses in the coin of the kingdom; lotteries to be publick nusances; and

Salisbury court, Whitefryers, and other priviledg'd places, to be notorious for entertaining lewd and wicked persons.

Tuesday, 26 *Febr.*—Sunday, at night, the council was extraordinarily assembled at Kensington, where the king was present, and an expresse was sent to admiral Russel.

Yesterday they had had under debate the escape of major general Dorrington, and committed the warder that had him to custody.

Yesterday we had also an account, that the Centurion frigat fell in with 3 French privateers, and took one of them of 12 guns and 180 men.

The earl of Romney, master of the ordnance, has by order of his majestie reviewed the cannon and new mortars lately cast, with the other stores laid up at the Tower, and is to make a report thereof to the king.

The constables, by order of council, are to impresse for the kings service all persons that cannot give account of their way of living.

Several persons of quality are preparing equipages to attend his majestie into Flanders as volunteers.

The French have burnt 5 villages upon the Neckar belonging to the allies.

The privateers of Amsterdam have lately taken 7 French prizes between England and France.

We had letters last post from lord Pagett, our ambassador at Constantinople, with advice, that a fire had lately hapned there, and burnt 400 houses; that there were great divisions in the divan, many opposing the grand vizier, who is for acting onely defensive next summer, alledging, that that will give opportunity to the Germans to enlarge their conquests.

The king of Denmark has given the emperor leave to raise 3000 men to serve on the Danube.

Last night above 50,000 guineas were coined at the Tower, and this week as many more will be coined.

The great convoy design'd for Cadiz will sail about the 5th of March with the land forces under command of brigadeer Stuart; and our fleet for the Channel are to rendevouze in the Downs the 1st of May.

This day the house of peers discharged out of custody Mr. Taffe and Mr. Wilson, 2 Lancashire witnesses.

Thursday, 28 *Febr.*—Yesterday the house of lords were upon the affair of the admiralty, and after 4 hours debate resolved, That 'twas the opinion of the house that the sending our fleet into the Mediterranean, and continueing them there this winter, has been to the honour of his majestie and his kingdomes, and the safety and interest of the allyes; and are to goe upon thanking the king for the same to morrow.

The same day diverse sea captains received instructions from the admiralty, and went this day to the fleet at the buoy in the Nore.

The forces designed for Cadiz, with the great convoy, are to be augmented to 5000 men.

Three persons were yesterday executed at Tyburn, among whom was Coppinger, a comedian, a notorious clipper, who, pretending to search for such persons, robbed many houses.

Captain Clerk, late governor of Cowes Castle in the Isle of Weight, is committed to Winchester goal for clipping.

Collonel Mathews, major of the 1st regiment of foot guards, is made lieutenant collonel of the second, and captain Hope is made major in his stead.

Last night a quarrel hapned between the marques of Caermarthen and captain Stringer, and both wounded.

It is now said the prince of Denmark will passe the campagne with the king.

The affair of Jersey was on Tuesday evening fully examined before the councill, who are of opinion a secret trade is carried on with France by some persons of that island; and care will be taken to find it out, and prevent the like for the future.

Foreign letters say, the mareschal de Noailles is at the point of death in Paris.

The duke of Bavaria has received from the king of Spain bills of exchange upon the merchants at Amsterdam for 400,000 crowns to prepare for the campagne.

The dyet of Poland is broke up without chusing a speaker; and in the interim 50,000 Tartars putt a convoy of provisions into Camineec, burnt several villages, plundered the suburbs of Lembergh, and carried away many people into slavery.

The governor of Ciclut has fallen upon 500 Turks, and kill'd 400 upon the place.

The Tuniseens have totally routed the army of the Algerines.

Yesterday was executed at Tyburn 3 men; one of them for clipping, the other two for felony and robbery.

Saturday, 2 March.—There are 18 great men of war ready equipt at the Buoy in the Nore, of which the Queen is admiral, lord Berkley commander, sir Clowdesly Shovell vice admiral in the Neptune, and the marques of Caermarthen rear admiral in the Royal William; they have ordered their equipage to be gott ready, haveing received instructions from the lords of the admiralty to take upon them their respective commands at an hours warning.

Yesterday, being St. David's day, the king, according to custom, wore a leak, presented to him by his serjeant porter, who hath as perquisites all the wearing apparel his majestie had on that day, even to his sword.

Yesterday the house of peers voted an addresse of thanks to the king for sending and continueing the fleet in the Streights; which was this day reported and agreed to, and the lords of the white staves ordered to know when his majestie will be attended therewith; after which they adjourned to the council chamber on Tuesday from thence to attend the queens funeral.

This day came in a Dutch post, of the 8th instant, which brings, that prince Ragotzi has killed his brother in law, count Aspremont, who married Teckeleys daughter, but the reason not known.

The elector of Saxony has assured the emperor that he will contribute to the utmost of his power towards carrying on the war against France.

The governour of Millain has received 100,000 crowns to be imployed in the seige of Cazall; and drawn out 24 mortars and 40 cannon to be used therein.

Tis confirmed that the Turkish fleet are returned into the Dardanells; and that the Turkish troops designed for the retaking of Scio are to quarter about Smyrna, under command of the serasquier.

Tis also confirmed that the king of Sueden hath arrested several French ships at Stockholm; and denied the French ambassador audience till satisfaction made for the Swedish ships deteyned by the French.

Tuesday, 5 March.—This being the day for the interment

of her majestie, the same was performed with great solemnity, and all the shops throughout the citty were shutt.

Yesterday the house of commons attended the king at Kensington with the representation about the army; to which his majestie was pleased to say he would doe what in him lay to prevent the like for the future: after which he went to Richmond to divert himself there till Thursday.

All the laws relating to New England are laid before the king, which when perused a governor and captain general will be nominated; captain Dudley stands fairest to succeed sir William Phipps.

Captain Fountain, who took upon him to command the ship Scarborough after the captain thereof was killed, and striking presently to the French, for which he was ordered to be tryed, has since made his escape out of the Marshalsea.

Captain Clark, late governor of Cowes Castle, apprehended for clipping, is found guilty at Winchester of the same.

The Germoon spy boat is putt into Plymouth from St. Sebastian, which sayes, the Portland frigat had brought in there a French privateer of 18 guns.

Two Flushing privateers have brought into Plymouth a French prize of 60 tuns; and the Foresight 2 prizes with wine and brandy.

One Whitlock is bound over to the sessions for publishing a poem on the queens death, wherein are some blasphemous expressions.

Scotch letters say, that recruits for their forces in Flanders are sailed thence.

The Venetians, we hear, have taken several French ships, on board of which were effects for the Turks.

A Barbadoes ship, captain Lemmon commander, being reduced to great extremity, is putt into Falmouth; as is also another Barbadoes ship, that was missing with the Modena, of whom they can give no account.

Thursday, 7 March.—Wrote from Madrid, that the king of Spain had sent orders to Barcelona, that no merchants be suffer'd to buy wines, fruit, or provision there, but that they be laid up in magazines for the allies fleet and the army.

The fleet of victuallers from England are arrived there at Cales, and onely one lost, but her cargo saved; that the bad

weather had hindred the careening our fleet there so soon as was intended, however 'twas beleived they would be ready the end of this month; and the convoy in that harbour, designed for England, would sett sail about 15th of the last month, and twas hop'd the fleet from Malaga would join them.

Leghorn, 14 Febr.; it's advised from Smyrna, that the grand vizier has sent divers French engineers to Negropont to fortifye the same.

The captain generall of the Venetians has taken 3 French ships goeing with corn from Egypt to Constantinople; and has orders from the senate to convert to his own use all French ships that have any provisions or stores on board for the Port.

The king of Sweden has promised the emperor 3000 men; that all the French ships arrested at Stockholm are released, except 5, which are detain'd till satisfaction be given for the impositions laid on the Suedish ships in France.

Paris, 4th March; the marine soldier, seiz'd at Thoulon on suspition of firing the magazine of powder, had a letter in his pocket, which he was sending to those that sett him on work, to acquaint them that he had succeeded; and several Spanish pistolls being found upon him, it is beleiv'd he was hired by the Spaniards; upon which he will be severely proceeded against.

The convoy for Cales are ready to sail, waiting only for the Dutch squadron, which are hourly expected; they carry with them 4 months provisions at full allowance: the officers here are gone to Portsmouth, where the land forces embarque.

The commissioners of the victualling office are preparing another supply of provisions for admiral Russell against May.

The Hull fleet, consisting of 200 sail, are gott safe to Rotterdam.

The house of lords this day ordered the archbishop of Canterbury to print his sermon preached at the queens funeral.

Saturday, 9 *March*.—The council have given to the poor of St. Margarets, Westminster, and St. Martins in the Feilds, the boards and black bayes which covered the streets during the procession of the queens funerall; but all the rooms hung in mourning at Whitehall are still shutt up till the claims of the lord chamberlain, the earl of Dorset, the marquesse of

Winchester, and countesse of Darby, be ascertained in council as to the right of the present furniture thereof.

His majestie has been pleased to constitute the two archbishops, with 5 others, in a special commission to dispose of all vacant benefices during his absence when he is gone to Flanders.

The lords of the admiralty have appointed a squadron of 8 men of war to convoy the Hamburgh and the Norway fleet; the latter is goeing for stores.

The lord Berkley designs, wind and weather permitting, to be with his fleet on the coast of France by the end of Aprill.

Twelve load of stores were yesterday sent out of the Tower for Chatham.

This day came in two foreign posts.

From Italy wrote, that they have advice that captain Killigrew of the Medway is not killed; and that the French man of war said to be sunk was brought into Messina, carrying 80 guns, and the other 64.

From Paris wrote, that Catinat had orders to hazard a battle rather then suffer the allies to take Casall; which place 'tis beleived is invested by this time.

Mareschal de Noailles hath orders likewise to fight the Spanish forces in Catalonia before they are joyned by the confederates, and afterwards to form the seige of Barcelona.

From Leghorn, that a Zeland caper hath taken and brought thither 2 rich merchant ships.

Admiral Russel hath sent 9 men of war more to cruize in the Streights.

The prince of Baden is arrived at Vienna, but will return suddenly to the Rhine to open the campagne the middle of Aprill.

The Venetians are converting 12 large merchant ships into men of war.

The foreign prints mention, that the French king hath caused 800 young women to be taken up in order to people his islands in America.

Captain Clark, condemned for clipping, is hang'd at Winchester; as also Hinton the high way man at Hartford the same day he was condemned, for fear of a rescue.

Tuesday, 12 *March*.—The foreign letters have these par-

ticulars more then the Gazet mentions; viz. from Constantinople, that the lord Paget was upon his departure thence for Adrianople to communicate to the grand seignior some propositions he had newly received from England: they labour with their utmost endeavours to build several frigats, and have already sent 20 saiques to reinforce their fleet on the Danube.

Hussain bassa is made captain bassa in the room of Metzo Morto, who is strangled with 6 other commanders of men of war, the losse of Scio being attributed to their neglect.

From Venice, that they had hired into their service 2000 of his holinesses troops; and that they had received a letter from their captain general that Scio is in a full state of defence, and his fleet reinforced with some galliasses and fireships.

It's wrote with some assurance, that the 2 French men of war taken near Malta were goeing to join the Turks, and had on board a vast summ of money for the grand seignior.

From Paris, that they have bought this winter in Switzerland 8000 horse to remount their cavalry, and to serve as draught horses.

That the king has enter'd into fresh engagements with the grand seignior, by which he is obliged to send him 12 men of war, by 2 at a time, to regain Scio, which is to be putt into the hands of the French as a cautionary place during the warr: and that they are equipping in the ocean 3 squadrons, one, under Nesmond, to cruize in the Chops of the Channel; the 2d to goe for America, and a 3d to act under Dubart on the north coast.

Five hundred advocates of the parliament of Paris have quitted their practice, being unwilling to pay the poll tax.

Saturday last colonel Rowe and colonel Venner were suspended by a court martial upon complaint of some officers, and 'tis said will be broke: colonel Hastings regiment is ordered for Portsmouth, and tis said will be broke there to fill up the regiments that goe for Spain; and sir Cloudesly Shovell is to command the squadron.

Dr. Scott, minister of St. Gyles, and Dr. Dove of St. Brides, are both dead.

Thursday, 14 *March*.—Yesterday was published a declaration by his majestie for the strict discipline of the army and due payment of quarters.

We have advice from Ostend, that the Swan frigat arrived there from England as convoy to 4 transport ships with recruits from hence, and in her passage took a French caper of 12 guns.

Sir Cloudesly Shovell is fallen ill of a quinsy at Chatham, and has been 4 times lett blood; so that the admiralty have appointed the marquesse of Caermarthen to convoy the bomb shipps &c. to Cadiz, but he goes no further then the South Cape.

Yesterday the court martial resolved to break collonel Hastings regiment.

The new cartell for exchange of prisoners is ratifyed and exchang'd, by which all French refugees, and the English, Scotch, and Irish that followed king James, are to be exchanged.

Captain Bembo is goeing towards St. Mallo with a squadron to attempt something on the French coast.

The dean and chapter of Westminster have given the liveing of St. Brides, vacant by the death of Dr. Dove, to Dr. Birch.

This day the house of peers put off the examination of Crosfeild till next Wensday, and heard a cause; and ordered the bill for making salt water fresh to be engrost.

Saturday, 16 *March*.—Wensday last a sixth rate man of war of 30 guns was launched at Busleton.

All our standing forces in the west are ordered to guard the sea coasts there.

Yesterday came in a foreign post, with letters from the lord Pagett at Adrianople, that the grand seignior dyed there the 7th of February, and was succeeded by Mustapha, son to Mahomet the 4th, whose faction in the reign of the late sultan was alwaies inclinable to peace.

The Cadiz convoy will not goe hence till 10th of Aprill, waiting for 3000 men from Ostend.

Sir Clowdesly Shovell is past danger.

Colonel Venners regiment is given to collonel Brudenell.

The lords of the admiralty have received an expresse from Plymouth, that the Bilboa fleet, consisting of 40 sail, were safely arrived in that port, under the convoy of 9 men of warr.

Tuesday, 19 *March*.—Captain Clerk, said to be executed

at Winchester some time since, proves to be a mistake, he being reprieved.

Colonel Rowes regiment is given to monsieur Puissar, and colonel Hastings to sir John Jacob.

The Rotterdam fleet is arrived here; they came out in number 45, under the Dutch convoy, but fell in with five French privateers, who took 5 English and 2 Dutch.

Captain Bembo is goeing with 18 men of war from Spithead to intercept 300 French store ships bound from St. Maloes to Dunkirk.

On the 15th the Dover frigat brought into Plymouth a French privateer of 34 guns, but had thrown 28 of them overboard to gett away.

The Pearl frigat has brought into Kingsale another French privateer of 14 guns.

It is said the customes of the Bilboa fleet will be worth near 60,000*l.*

The speaker yesterday attended the princesse, and will be sworn of the privy council.

This day came in a foreign post, which sayes, 7000 Tartars attack't the suburbs of Lemberg, with the losse of 3000 men.

That a Spanish soldier had burnt a magazine of hay enough for 5000 horse for a month; and that a sharp dispute had been between the garison of Dixmude and that of Knock, in which the former had much the advantage over the French.

Thursday, 21 *March*.—Yesterday came out his majesties proclamation for apprehending William Standish of Standish Hall, in the county of Lancaster, esq., for conspiring to disturb and destroy the government, and adhering to his majesties enemies, promising the reward of 500*l.* for taking him.

Tuesday last 13 mortars were tryed on Blackheath, and approved of, each of them throwing a shell a mile and half.

The lord Cuts began to embarque the forces designed for Spain at Portsmouth and the Isle of Weight last Sunday; but this afternoon we hear that brigadeer Stewarts regiment mutinyed, and refused to goe on board.

Yesterday the bank of England held a general court, and resolved to make a dividend of 6*l.* per cent. for the last 9 months; their actions are at 100*l.* per cent.: they also ap-

pointed a committee of 23 to ascertain the salaries of the governour, deputy governor, and 24 directors.

The same day 5 highway men were apprehended at an inn in Southwark, and committed to the county goal.

In the evening came an expresse from Portsmouth, with advice, that the Cales fleet, homeward bound, consisting of 29 sail of English and Dutch, under convoy of 5 men of war, were arrived there, having one of their number taken, and another sunk, being leaky.

An order is sent hence to Newcastle for the pressemasters to come away, the seamen being near 1000 together in a body.

The city of London, 'tis said, will petition the parliament against the tax of 5*s*. a chaldron upon coales.

The lords have past a bill for naturalizing all seamen that shall come into the kings service, and adjourned till Wensday.

Letters from Deal say, that 7 Dunkirk ships bound for Lisbon were by stresse of weather forced into the Downes, and made prize.

By an expresse from Brussells we have an account that the king of Poland is dead.

Saturday, 23 *March*.—Letters from Constantinople say, that the grand seignior hath resolved to command his army in person next campagne in Hungary, and the grand vizier under him, and send the serasquier of Smirna to the retaking of Scio.

The Venetians have taken and carried into Scio four Turkish ships, laden with corn from Egypt to Constantinople, one of them being a French bottom.

A corsair of Algiers hath taken a barque of Malta, laden with corn; and 2 French men of war have taken in those seas an English merchant ship homeward bound from Venice.

In the magazine burnt at Thoulon were consumed 4000 suites of clothes.

Plymouth, the 21st; the forces designed for Cadiz are all shipped off, and are now at Spithead; they have a convoy of 24 English and Dutch men of war, with 2 fireships, 10 bomb ketches, besides storeships and victuallers, and are hourly expected to sail.

Thursday last a new 4th rate man of war of 50 guns was launched at Ipswich, called the Milford.

It's said, the 5 ships taken by the French coming hither from Holland with saltpeter &c. had on board them above 20,000 guineas for the merchants.

Count Hamilton, the elector palatines envoy in Sueden, hath proposed a mariage between the king of the Romans and the empresse of Sueden.

It's now said, the elector of Saxony will goe with 6000 men to Hungary this next campagne; and that the czar of Moscovy has declared warr against the Tartars.

Thursday next these following regiments are to be viewed in Hide Park by the king, viz. lord of Oxfords, Arrans, Maclesfeild, Rechteren, Denbigh, and Lee, all horse and dragoons.

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Tuesday, 26 March.—On Sunday the king in council ordered the commissioners of the admiralty to appoint a sufficient convoy for the Newcastle trade, and that the officers imployed doe carefully discharge their trust.

There are 7 Dutch men of war, of the 2d and 3d rates, coming from Holland to join the lord Berkley at the Nore.

A Dutch caper hath brought into the Downs 3 French prizes laden with salt; and tis said the Zealand capers have carryed to Middleburgh 11 French prizes laden with wine, brandy, and salt.

On Sunday in the afternoon the convoy design'd for Cadiz sailed from Spithead, and yesterday morning were all out of sight, standing to the westward.

Yesterday the archbishop of Canterbury made a promotion of doctors, viz. 6 out of each university, 4 of divinity, 4 of physick, and 4 of the civil law; those of divinity from Oxon are, Mr. Willis, the kings chaplain, and Mr. Knighton; those from Cambridge are, Mr. Green, the archbishops chaplain, and Mr. Gee.

Captain Bembo is with his squadron on the coast of France, near Alderney, where he expects the conjunction of the Dutch squadron, and afterwards will attempt something against the stores and provision ships bound from St. Malloes to Dunkirk.

Captain St. Loe is ordered as a commissioner of the navy to reside at Plymouth to take care of our shipping there; and

Mr. Trimly, commissioner at Portsmouth, goes in the said quality to Kingsale.

This day's foreign post sayes, that 700 French were defeated in Catalonia by a party of Spaniards; 400 of them were killed upon the place, and many of them made prisoners.

Thursday, 28 *March*.—The commissioners of the admiralty, so soon as the fleet is manned, are ordered to issue forth protections to the Newcastle traders.

Last night count Soissons, brother to prince Eugene of Savoy, came hither from Harwich, where he landed from Holland, the states of Holland having ordered him a man of war for his transportation.

Forty mules, which endeavoured to throw themselves in the night into Casall, laden with powder and other warlike stores, were taken by the Germans, who were in the fort of St. George, with 2 letters from mareschal Catinat to the governor, exhorting him to make a vigorous defence, and promising speedy releif in case of a seige.

The table allowed to the late queens servants was discontinued at Lady day, but instead thereof are to have an allowance, and live where they please, when as before they were oblidg'd to reside at Whitehal.

This day the king, with the prince of Denmark, duke of Ormond, and the general officers, took a review of 4 regiments of horse, viz. Oxford, Arran, Macclesfeild, and Windsor, and the lord Denbigh and colonel Lee's dragoons; and his majestie was very well pleased therewith, being so well mounted.

The earl of Abergavenny is dead.

Major Booting and sir Thomas Travell of lord Macclesfeilds regiment fought a duel, and both slightly wounded.

Wrote from the Hague, that the 4 captains accused of neglecting their duty last year against Dubart are condemned to perpetual imprisonment.

Saturday, 30 *March*.—Tuesday last the lord Ruthen Grey, eldest son to the earl of Kent, was married to the lord Crews eldest daughter, with whom he had 20,000*l*. portion.

Yesterday the earl of Marlborough was introduced into his majesties presence, and had the honour to kisse his hands.

The same day great quantities of carcasses and other war-

like stores were ship'd off at the Tower to be imployed on board our fleet in the Channel.

Twenty four capital men of war are fallen down to Blackstakes, the Queen admiral ready equipped, and almost manned.

Tuesday last 7 Dutch men of war came to Spithead, who design'd to have gone with our convoy to Cadiz, but came too late, however made no stay, but sayled after them.

The colledge of the admiralty of Holland have signified to the king that all their men of war design'd to join our fleet shall be at Spithead the 15th of Aprill.

His majestie has declared he will be ready to embarque for Flanders by the 25th of next month.

We are assured that the French king has retrench'd the expence of his housekeeping, and that king James is to doe the like.

They refuse to exchange Mr. Cox, late envoy in Switzerland, taken in his return hither, alledging that he is not comprized in the cartell; and there are some letters which say that 18 French men of war and 6 privateers are put to sea from Brest, with design to intercept our Cadiz convoy.

Mr. George Nevil of Sussex succeeds the lord Abergavenny in title and estate, he being the first protestant lord that bears that title.

The grant to make Greenwich house an hospital for sick and wounded seamen is pass'd the seales.

The lord Howard of Effingham is given over by his physitians; and the marquesse of Caermarthen lies dangerously ill.

This day the house of peers were upon the enquiry touching bribery; and several persons examined whither any peer had any money for passing the bill about convex lights; and the citty sollicitor with others are to attend on Monday.

Tuesday, 2 *Aprill.*—All our pacquet boats are at Harwich, with 4 mailes for Holland, which is the reason we have no Dutch post.

Brigadeer Ofarrell's regiment of foot is ordered to embarque for Flanders.

This morning commenced at the kings bench bar the tryal of captain Bridges, late commander of the Montague frigat, before the lord cheif justice Treby, the dukes of Leeds and

Shrewsbury, with several privy counsellors, sir Charles Hedges, judge advocate, with divers civilians, and the lords of the admiralty, for sinking a French man of war of 54 guns on the coast of Ireland, having first plundered her, whereas he might have tow'd her into port: several witnesses were examined on both sides; at last the jury acquitted him.

The earl of Monmouth waites now in his place as gentleman of the bedchamber.

The earl of Marlborough, 'tis said, will goe a lieutenant general with the king to Flanders.

We have advice, that collonel Lillingston, with the forces designed for Jamaica, arrived the 12th of February at the Maderas, and would sail as soon as they had taken in wines, &c.

Mr. Bulstrode, 'tis said, will be putt into the new commission for hackny coaches with Mr. Ashurst and Mr. Overbury.

Count Rechteren, the Dutch collonel, suspended by a court martial, was yesterday arrested by his officers, and carried to Newgate.

Mr. Southern, who was secretary to the admiralty, is made one of the commissioners of the navy.

Thursday, 4 April.—Mr. secretary Trenchard is given over by his physitians.

The princesse of Denmark is indisposed.

On Tuesday the marquesse of Hallifax was taken with a vomiting, which proved so violent upon him that it caus'd a rupture, and 'tis feared may endanger his life; the lord Eland, his son, was the same day married in Rutlandshire to a daughter of the lord Nottinghams.

Count Rechteren is bailed out of Newgate; 'tis said his regiment of horse will be given to the prince of Denmark.

Mr. Haley, who was formerly chaplain to sir William Trumball at Constantinople, and last summer one of his majesties chaplains in Flanders, succeeds Dr. Scott in the living of St. Gyles.

The lord Capell, 'tis said, will be declared lord lieutenant of Ireland; and that a parliament will be held there in June.

Sir Henry Bellasis's regiment is ordered to goe on board the fleet in the Channel this summer.

His majestie on Monday had some symptomes of an ague, but is well again.

Letters from Edinburgh say that the duke of Queensbury is dead, to the great regret of the episcopal clergy in that kingdom; and is succeeded in his estate and honour by the earl of Drumlanrig, his son: he left 1000*l.* sterling to the clergy, and several large legacies to his servants, &c.

Last night a pacquet of letters taken in Sussex, and just landed from France, were brought to Kensington, in order to be examined.

The house of lords have passed the bill for the annuities, and gone thro that concerning the publick accounts.

Mr. Newland, who kill'd sir Robert Thomas his son, is found guilty of murther at the sessions in the Old Baily; and Mr. Raneer, that kill'd Mr. Symball, is found guilty of manslaughter.

A French privateer of 4 guns and 23 men came into the Downs on Tuesday with intent to seize a vessell that lay there, but was taken by one of our frigats; the prisoners say they came out of Dunkirk the 28th, and that the day before there were brought in 4 English prizes.

The 7 Dutch men of war said to be arrived at Spithead, and to have followed the fleet to Cadiz, proves a mistake, they not being yet come from Holland.

The lord Howard of Effingham is dead.

Saturday, 6 *Aprill.*—Yesterday a court martial was held at Blackstakes, lord Berkley present, where captain Solmes of the James gally, which run ashore sometime since in Margate Road coming from Holland, by which several Scotch and English officers were lost, was fined 300*l.*, and 8 months pay to the chest at Chatham; the master to forfeit his wages to the chest, and for ever rend'red uncapable of the kings service; and the pilot condemned to 5 years imprisonment, and to be conducted (with a halter about his neck) on board all his majesties ships in the river Medway, at Blackstakes, and the Nore, &c.

Last night about 6 in the evening the marquesse of Hallifax departed this life; as did also Dr. Busby, master of Westminster school, aged 96 years.

Mr. Henry Guy, prisoner in the Tower, has resigned his place of secretary to the treasury, and 'tis generally said Mr. Lownds, cheif clerk of that office, is to succeed him.

Tis said sir William Trumball is to be secretary of state; and sir Thomas Littleton to be one of the lords of the treasury in sir William Trumballs room.

Major Holmes is chosen member of parliament in the Isle of Weight in the room of sir John Trevor.

This morning came in 3 Holland mailes, with advice that the bishop of Munster has declared in favour of the allies.

The elector of Mentz is dead, as is also the princesse Radzevill, wife to prince Charles of Newburgh.

1500 Venetians have routed 1600 Turks near Thebes, kill'd 800, and took 400 prisoners, and returned with a great booty.

The king of Sueden hath declared he will not release the French ships until he hath entire satisfaction.

The Algerines are returned home (having conquered Tunis) with a booty of 3,000,000*l.*

Turin, the 28th; a train of 60 cannon and 20 mortars are sent to the camp before Cazall, and the troops are marching thither from all sides; but the trenches will not be opened until the 3d of Aprill, old style.

We had letters yesterday with advice from Cadiz, that 5 English and 4 Dutch men of war were sent to meet our Turky fleet, which were hourly expected from the Levant.

The sessions at the Old Baily for the citty of London and county of Middlesex began the 3d, and held the 4th and 5th, where several criminalls were tryed; 12 burnt in the hand, 6 received sentence of death, 1 ordered to be whipt, one fined and to stand in the pillory, and two more fined only.

Tuesday, 9 *Aprill.*—The Groyne pacquet brings, that admiral Russells cruizers had lately brought into Cadiz a French man of war of 60 guns, called the Proud, convoy to the Newfoundland fleet.

Letters from Ireland bring, that a Dutch man of war was come to Kingsale with 2 prizes, one of 80 tuns, with wines, the other a caper of 8 guns; that 3 ships for London were arrived there from Barbadoes in 11 weeks; and that 4 ship carpenters were come to Kingsale to make a dock there to build ships.

Mr. Knipe, usher of Westminster school, succeeds Dr. Busby, master thereof; Dr. Willis is made prebend of Westminster; and Mr. Barker, chaplain to the late archbishop, treasurer of

the cathedrall of Wells in Dr. Busby's room: Dr. Busby made the earl of Nottingham, Mr. Finch, Dr. South, and Mr. Needham, his executors, leaving behind him an estate of 500*l.* per ann., and 3000 in money, most of it for charity.

Yesterday the king received an expresse from the duke of Holstein Ploen that he was drawing his troops into the feild, and should by Sunday last have a body of near 40,000 men together to fight mareschal Boufflers, who was incampt between Courtray and Ipres with 36,000 men to cover 15,000 pyoneers, that were making a line between the Lyss and the Schelde, and that in all probability there would be a battle.

The king of Denmark is ill, having had a fall from his horse, which much bruised him.

Plymouth, April 5th; this day came in here captain Bembo in the Soldado, with several other ships for provisions, and will return to their station on the French coast, where they left 7 Dutch men of war to watch the St. Malloe's fleet bound to Dunkirk.

The lords this day read the bill for laying a duty upon births, mariages, and burialls; the bill about mutineers and deserters; and the bill against sir Thomas Cook: all the 1st time.

Thursday, 11 *Aprill.*—Yesterday was published his majesties proclamation for the speedy and effectual putting in execution the act of parliament for regulating the measures and prices of coales.

Wrote from Kingsale, that the Antego Merchant of London of 200 tuns and 12 guns, laden with sugar and cotton, was arrived on that coast, having lost 3 of her company, who were taken by the French.

Another convoy of provisions is preparing for admiral Russel.

This being the anniversary of king Williams coronation, his majestie was complimented thereupon by the nobility, the bells rung, and guns were discharged at the Tower.

This night the corps of the marquesse of Hallifax is to be interred in Westminster Abbey.

A patent is passing the seales to make the earl of Tweedale marquesse of the same and chancellor of Scotland.

Tuesday evening, the under sherif of Middlesex, attended by

the high constables &c., went to serve an execution upon one Tooley in Holborn, provost marshal to the army; but he resisted, and ordered the centinells at the door to fire, and the sherif was wounded; whereupon the mobb (who bore him a grudge before) went from the wrestling ring in Lincolns Inn Feilds and broke open the house, and sett at liberty near 200 men that were pressed, to sell for recruits to Flanders: the mobb took out all the moveables in the house, and burnt them in the street: during this mutiny one man was killed, and several wounded by the soldiers that came to suppresse them: the mobb rose again last night, and came to the house of another provost marshal in Drury Lane, declaring they would sett at liberty their fellow subjects that were illegally detained, but the prisoners were removed before they came; they broke into the house, notwithstanding the horse and foot guards, and burnt all their goods; and threatned this night the Marshalsea prison in Southwark, and another marshalls house in Bedfordbury: and the guards have now orders to fire upon them with powder and ball.

Saturday, 13 *Aprill.*—We had last night an expresse from Ireland, with advice, that 3 French privateers had taken out of Cork harbour 3 rich ships, and carried them off; that Leary, the notorious tory, and ringleader of that gang, was killed by 3 of his followers, and his head carried to Cork; and that the Kilkenny gang was broke, 8 of them being killed and taken in a bogg.

Mr. Dodwell, professor of history in Oxford, is dead.

Letters from Hull say, that 50 laden colliers sailed on Saturday from thence, but mett with a storm, which seperated them; 7 were cast away, 23 gott back to Hull, and the rest to other ports.

Mr. Smith, who was lately chaplain to the Turky company at Constantinople, is made one of his majesties chaplains in Flanders.

Parr and Cole, two notorious high way men, who had committed diverse robberies on the western road, are sent to Newgate.

Yesterday the house of lords heard sir Thomas Cookes council, and after read the bill against him a 2d time, and committed it to a committee of the whole house on Monday;

and this day they were upon examining the affair of bribery.

The officers and recruits that have layn wind bound in the river for some time are now sailed for Flanders.

The horse and foot guards being placed about town to hinder the further progresse of the mobb hath caused them to disperse without further mischeif.

The execution of the prisoners lately condemned is putt off till Monday.

On Monday will be launched at Deptford a new fourth rate frigat of 56 guns.

We want a foreign post.

Tuesday, 16 *Aprill.*—The lords of the admiralty had yesterday advice that one of our cruizers had taken a vessel of 4 guns, which was an advice boat sent by those of St. Maloes to the governor of Dunkirk with an account that there were 257 sail of vessells, laden with salt, wine, and brandy &c. for the French army in Flanders, but durst not put to sea, being in a manner blockt up by the English and Dutch.

They have further advice, that 2 of our cruizers had taken in the Streights a rich French merchant ship, burthen 460 tuns and 28 guns, esteemed the best we have taken since the war, being valued at 300,000 crowns.

The lords have adjourned the debate of the free conference about the treason bill till Thursday.

This day sir Thomas Cook was brought to the bar of the house of lords, where he signifyed his willingnesse to discover all that was required of him, provided he may be indemnifyed from actions of scandalum magnatum, and all others that may implead him; which the lords thought so reasonable, they have appointed a committee to draw up a bill for that purpose.

Mr. Crosby was this day tryed at the kings bench bar by a Middlesex jury, upon an indictment of high treason for holding correspondence with the enemy, and endeavouring to putt into their possession diverse forts and castles; but there being no full proofe against him, the jury brought him in not guilty.

There are 4 mailes due, and just now we hear 3 of them are come in.

Thursday, 18 *Aprill.*—The lord Cuts has received his ma-

jesties instructions to goe for Flanders, where he is to command as a lieutenant general of foot; and about 10 dayes hence the king designs to embarque, his horses and equipage being already gone on board, as also are 1500 horse for recruites.

One of our pacquet boats goeing for Holland, in company of the Brill, a Dutch man of war of 32 guns, in their way were attacqu'd by several French privateers, and whilst the frigat was fighting with them, she took the opportunity to return; and since we hear they took the Brill, on board of which were several officers for Flanders, with the Danish envoy, who came lately hither to condole the death of the queen.

Mr. Tooley, the deputy provost marshall, whose house the mobb plunder'd, was on Tuesday committed prisoner to Newgate.

This day the house of peers were upon the matter of bribery relating to the convex lights, and acquitted the marquesse of Normanby therefrom.

Yesterday three men were executed at Tyburn; 2 for robbery, and one for clipping.

Saturday, 20 *Aprill.*—We had yesterday another Holland mail, which confirms the Venetians quitting the island of Scio, but varies in some of the particulars; it adds, that the new grand seignior was goeing to Belgrade, leaving the government of affairs to his mother, a woman of great witt and intregues.

Prince Lewis is goeing to the Rhine, and will open the campagne with the seige of Philipsburgh; and the landgrave of Hesse was preparing to attack Ebernburgh.

That mareschal Catinat was sick of a feavor at Pignerol; and that a snow of near 3 foot has obliged the duke of Savoy for the present to draw of from Cazall.

That a great body of the confederate army from Dixmuyde and Bruges were marched to attaque Le Knock on one side, while the main body forces the enemy on the other; and that mareschal Boufflers had cutt down the trees and pull'd down the houses within the lines to range the army in battalia, but garisons the churches and castles: the lines encompasse nigh 20 miles of ground, and on the same place where the allies encamp'd last year.

An Eastland ship, lately taken, but ransom'd, is putt into Yarmouth; and confirms the losse of the Brill frigat, with 6 corn ships under her convoy by 9 privateers, who say they came 19 out of Dunkirk, and that 20 more lay there ready to sail.

The Spanish Alliance pacquet boat putt into Falmouth sayes, that admirall Nevill, with 20 men of war, is sayled towards the Streights; and that admiral Russel by the 20th instant would putt to sea with his whole fleet.

Mr. Kettlewell, late minister of Coleshill in Warwickshire, deprived for not taking the oath, was some few nights since buried at Barking church, where Dr. Kenn, late bishop of Bath and Wells, in his formalities performed the office for the dead, and prayed for the king and queen.

His majesties ship the Sea Horse fell in with 100 sayle of Swedes and Danes goeing for Dunkirk; and the Swedish man of war of 50 guns refused to strike sail, whereupon several broad sides were exchanged, by which one of our men was killed and 8 wounded.

Yesterday Mr. Francis Newland was executed at Tyburn for the murther of Mr. Thomas.

Tuesday, 23 *Aprill*.—Yesterday the two houses ballotted for a committee to meet this day to take sir Thomas Cooks examination upon oath pursuant to the act of parliament; the lords chose 12, viz. the duke of Shrewsbury, earls of Bridgwater, Pembroke, Rochester, and Thanet; lord Cornwallis, lord Godolphin, earls of Manchester and Marlborough, and Monmouth, lord viscount Weymouth and lord Torrington. The commons chose 24, viz. sir John Thompson, sir Richard Onslow, colonel Bridges, Charles Montague, Hugh Boscawen, sir Thomas Pope Blount, Edward Clark, Thomas Pelham, Thomas Wharton, Robert Harley, sir Walter Young, sir Christopher Musgrave, Henry Boil, sir Henry Hobart, sir Thomas Littleton, Charles Hutchinson, sir Edward Abney, James Chadwick, sir Herbert Crofts, sir Rowland Gwynn, Thomas Papillion, Francis Gwynn, sir William Cowper, and William Brockman. Both houses adjourned till to morrow, but their committees are still examining sir Thomas Cook, and 'tis thought will not rise till 11 at night.

The kings yatcht is ordered to be ready by this day 7night, and the guards will be posted on the road the latter end of this week; the convoy which are to attend him consists of 16 English and Dutch men of war.

We have this afternoon advice, that the Anglesey and the Hope, two of the men of war which went out with the Streights fleet, are come into port much shatter'd, having fell in with 6 French men of war south west off Scilly.

Thursday, 25 *Aprill*.—Yesterday was a tryal at barr at the court of kings bench betwixt the earl of Bath and Mr. Pride about part of the estate of the late duke of Albemarle, endeavouring to prove the said duke illegitimate; and this morning the jury gave a verdict for the earl.

The same day the East India company mett, and chose sir John Fleet their governour in the room of sir Thomas Cook and sir Benjamin Bathurst, deputy governor.

Tuesday last admiral Hobson attended the admiralty board, and received instructions what ships he should have to compose the squadron to convoy his majestie to Holland: and yesterday the lords of the admiralty attended the king with a letter from captain Tollet, commander of the Sea Horse, acquainting them with the late action between the captain of the Suedish man of war that was convoy to 130 sail of Danes and Swedes and himself; which his majestie highly resented, and assured them he would demand satisfaction, and if not given would treat all such ships as enemies.

Wrote from Harwich, that a fleet of transport ships, under convoy of 4 men of war, passed by the Gunfleet on Sunday for Ostend.

The Canary fleet are safely arrived in the Downs; and captain Bembo, with 3 frigats and a fireship, is sailed again from Portsmouth for the French coast, to join the squadron he left there.

Saturday, 27 *Aprill*.—Yesterday was another tryal at the kings bench bar between the earl of Bath and the earl of Montague for some lands in Hartfordshire, part of the late duke of Albemarles eatate, which lasted till 8 this morning, and about 11 the jury gave a verdict for the lord Montague.

Plymouth, 23d; the Neptune, richly laden, is arrived here from Jamaica.

We have no news as yett of the Hope, so fear she is fallen into the hands of the French.

Cowes, 24th; The Nightingale of Flushing brought in here a French prize of 120 tunn belonging to Havre de Grace, who sayes the French provision fleet are stole out of St. Malloes, and gone for Dunkirk.

Some of the men of war that last week convoyed the fleet of transport ships with recruites for Flanders are come back, having left them safe at Willemstadt.

Some of those that kill'd sir Robert Thomas's son being fled to Flanders, his cosin, Mr. Griffith Thomas, hath obtained a special warrant from the king, with a letter to the elector of Bavaria, in order to seize them.

Sir Charles Hotham is elected member of parliament for Scarborough in room of Mr. Hungerford, lately expelled.

A locksmith in Spittle Feilds was seized this week in the very act of stamping iron money; he confessed he had 2*s.* in the *l.*, and could stamp 5*l.* in an hour; and hath discovered his accomplices.

The lords this day committed sir Basil Firebrace and Mr. Bates to the Tower; and ordered a bill to continue those in custody till the next sessions of parliament, and in the interim to disable them from setting their estates.

Tuesday, 30 *Aprill.*—On Sunday morning Mr. secretary Trenchard dyed at Kensington.

The archbishop of Canterbury, bishops of Salisbury, Worcester, Ely, Coventry, and Litchfeild, being commissionated to manage the ecclesiastical affaires, were yesterday sworn in the court of chancery.

The Hope, a man of war of 74 guns, supposed to be lost in a fight with 3 French men of war, much shatter'd, is putt into Castle Haven.

The duke of Leeds is removed from being president of the councill.

Thursday, 2 *May.*—The king has given directions to the lords of the admiralty to rendevouze the grand fleet in the Downes by the 15th instant, and that all the bomb vessells that can be gott ready by that time join them.

His majestie designs to goe for Flanders on Monday next; and 'tis said will leave the administration of affaires here to

the archbishop of Canterbury, lord keeper, lord Pembroke, duke of Shrewsbury, and lord Godolphin.

His majestie to morrow will putt an end to this sessions of parliament.

The lord Sunderland is pardoned by this new act of grace, tho excepted in the last; and tis beleived will be made lord president of the council or secretary of state.

The St. Paul, a Middleburgh privateer, hath brought into Milford Haven a French caper of 14 guns and 54 men.

Several Irish letters last post mentioned the Hope to be come into Castlehaven, but since it proves only to be the Roebuck fireship.

Serjeant Strodes only daughter, her fortune 20,000*l.*, is or will be very speedily married to Mr. Thin, the lord viscount Weymouth's son.

Collonel Smith, deputy governor of Dover castle, is lately dead.

There will be 3 foreign mailes due to morrow.

Saturday, 4 *May*.—The lords of the admiralty had yesterday an account that the Hope, a man of war of 70 guns, was taken and carried to Rochell, the captain being wounded in the neck, and had 80 men killed and wounded.

The persons appointed for the regency in the kings absence are, the archbishop of Canterbury, the lord keeper, earl of Pembroke, duke of Shrewsbury, lord Godolphin, duke of Devonshire, and earl of Dorset, and four of them to be a quorum.

Last night sir William Trumball was declared secretary of state in the room of sir John Trenchard, and sir Thomas Littleton will succeed him in the treasury.

Mounsieur Zulesteyn, a Dutchman, and master of the robes, is made earl of Rochfort; and Mr. Capell, a German by birth, who came over with his majestie, succeeds him as master of the robes.

Tuesday, 7 *May*.—On Sunday last sir Henry Furnace, in his return from Kensington from taking his leave of his majestie, was robbed by some foot pads, who took from him what money he had, and the ring which was given him by the king in Holland, when he went expresse to him with the news of the surrender of Limrick.

An information of perjury is exhibited in the court of kings bench against Lunt, Woomball, and Wilson, 3 of the Lancashire witnesses, being exempted in the late pardon.

Sir William Trumball is appointed secretary to the 7 lords justices of England in the kings absence, besides secretary of state; and has nominated Mr. Tucker, undersecretary to sir John Trenchard, to continue in that station under him; and appointed Mr. Ellis, one of the commissioners of the transport ships, to be in the like employ; and Mr. Hopkins, who was the other undersecretary to sir John, is made commissioner of the transport ships in stead of Mr. Ellis.

His majestie has appointed the duke of Ormond to be lieutenant generall of his army in Flanders; and the like command is given to the earl of Scarborough here, who is to be conjunct general of the forces in England with duke Schonberg.

Lord Capell is declared lord deputy of Ireland; and instructions will be forthwith sent him to call a parliament in that kingdom.

His majestie has given the command of Dover Castle, vacant by the death of collonel Smith, to captain Sands of the earl of Oxfords regiment.

Mr. Coombes, 'tis said, will be made cheif justice of Chester in secretary Trenchards place; and sir Edward Ward, attorney generall, lord cheif baron in Michaelmas term, when there will be a call of serjeants.

Mr. Feilding, one of the commissioners of the victualling office, is displaced, and Mr. Burrington, a member of parliament, putt in his room.

Lord Grey of Wark is made earl of Tankardly in Yorkshire.

Collonel Beaumont and sir William Forrester last week fought a duell, occasioned by some words between them in the parliament house, and the latter was disarmed.

This day came in 4 foreign mailes, which say, that the French are drawing another new line from the Scheld to the Sambre, on which they employ 30,000 pioneers.

That the duke of Savoy is drawing a line of circumvallation about Cazall with redoubts and trenches in order to a close blockade.

Our homeward bound Turky fleet are safely arriv'd at Messina, and hourly expected at Cadiz.

And that our outward bound Hamborough fleet are safely arrived there; and in their passage took 4 French merchant ships.

Thursday, 9 May.—We are now assured that our first and second rate men of war are to remain for some time at the Buoy in the Nore, and only the 3d and 4th rates goe out to allarm the French coast, by reason the enemy will have no fleet this summer in the ocean.

Captain Hodgson, commander of the Queenborough, goeing on shoare from the Noare in his boat, 6 men, was oversett and all drowned.

Yesterday a French man was seized at Kensington on suspition of being a spy, or having some ill design, and thereupon was committed to the Gatehouse, 2 pistolls charged being found in his case pocket.

We have advice from Sheilds his majesties ship the Prince George was arrived there from Scotland with several transport ships under her convoy, on board of which are recruits for Flanders.

From Edingburgh, that among the papers of a French spy lately apprehended there, was a letter found writt in characters, which being interpreted seems to intimate that the duke of Barwick designs to land some time this summer with forces from France in the north of Scotland to endeavour to raise a rebellion.

The 7 lords justices are to have lodgings at Whitehall, and guards, &c., with attendants as if the king was present: the commission constituting them is so large as to impower them to call, prorogue, and dissolve the parliament, to raise the militia, to break with foreign princes, and even the regalia to be carried before them.

Mr. Duncomb, one of the lords justices in Ireland is to succeed sir William Trumball in the treasury, and not sir Thomas Littleton.

Sir George Rook, who convoyes the king to Holland, will make some stay there to adjust matters with the admiralty of the Maes and Amsterdam relating to the fleet in the Mediterranean.

Mr. Isham, Mr. Strickland, and Mr. Blake the woollen draper are made commissioners for the hackny coaches in the

room of collonel Villiers, Mr. Killigrew, and Mr. Gee, lately turn'd out.

Our merchants have this day advice, that a rich ship coming from Hamburgh fell in with some French privateers, and was taken.

Saturday, 11 *May*.—This day came out his majesties proclamation for apprehending and securing the person of mounsieur John Robart, upon an addresse of the house of lords, he being accused upon oath to have received great summs of money from the East India company for procuring a charter to the same, (being supposed to have disposed it to the duke of Leeds.)

This morning the lord Berkley went to the fleet at the Nore to salute the king as he passes, his majestie designing for Margate or Harwich to morrow or Monday, the guards being gone before.

The lord keeper has been indisposed, and twice lett blood, but is pretty well again.

Admiral Allemond is come hither to conferr with our admiralty; he brought with him but 3 men of war, and the rest are to follow in few dayes.

Dr. Brevint, dean of Lincoln, being dead, great interest is making for his place, worth 1000*l*. per ann.

On Thursday the duke of Schonberg, earl of Tanckervil, Mr. vicechamberlain Bertie, were sworn of the privy council, as will also Mr. Smith of the treasury next council day.

The duke of Norfolk not finding himself incerted in the commission of regency, signifyed his disposition to lay down his command of constable of Windsor Castle and lord lieutenant of 4 counties, but has since alter'd his resolution.

His majestie has been pleased to give the estate of the late earl of Dumferling, forfeited by his being in rebellion in the Highlands of Scotland, to the marques of Twedale, lord high commissioner of that kingdom; and Mr. Zulesteyn, now earl of Rochfort, hath obtained a grant from the king of part of the lord Powis his estate.

It's said, sir George Rooke, upon his return from Holland, will goe with our first and second rate men of war at the Nore for Cadiz; and that admiral Russell, upon his arrival there, will return for England with the like number of the same

rates, and leave sir George to command the fleet there, which seems as if they designed to continue another winter there.

Yesterday captain Billop was tryed for embezilling the kings stores, and acquitted.

Last night came in a Dutch post, which brings, that the convoy from England, being 60 sail, were arrived safely at Cadiz the 22d of last month.

That the allies were again marching to beseige Casall.

That the confederates in Flanders will speedily have an army of 60,000 men near Louvain, 40,000 on the Mehaigne, and a flying army of 15,000 near Hall.

That the duke of Mantua has declared he will obey the emperors orders as a feif of the empire.

Paris letters say, a Dutch man of war has taken the Admiral of Algiers, and brought her into Cadiz.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 8th instant, and held the 9th, 10th, and 11th instant, where several criminals were tried; 11 received sentence of death, 12 were burnt in the hand, one to be whipt, and 6 fined; whereof four were for a misdemeanor in procuring and buying of broad money, of which two were fined 1000*l.* apeice.

Tuesday, 14 *May*.—Sir Edward Ward, the attorney general, is declared lord cheif baron, and next term will be called up to be a serjeant at law in order theretoo.

Sir Thomas Trevor, sollicitor, is made attorney general; and Mr. Hawles of Lincolns Inn is made sollicitor generall.

The lord Villiers is appointed by his majestie to goe and reside at the Hague with the character of his ambassador to the states general; and his credentialls and instructions are passing, by which he is impowred as plenipotentiary in the congresse of the confederates in the lord Dursleys room.

The king, about 9 on Sunday morning, went in his coach to Gravesend, at 3 embarqued on board the William and Mary yatch, and fell down that night to the Gunfleet, and about 3 next morning began to weigh anchor, sir George Rooke commanding the squadron of 9 English and 3 Dutch men of war: at 9 they stood to sea, the wind west and by south: as his majestie past by the Nore the lord Berkley saluted him with a treble salvo.

Sir Basil Dixwell is made governor of Dover Castle.

Tis beleived Dr. Fuller, one of the kings chaplains, and chancellor of Lincoln, will succeed Dr. Brevint in that deanery.

Mr. Combes is now actually made cheif justice of Chester in the room of sir John Trenchard, deceased.

Mr. Bethell, a vintner at the Castle tavern in Cornhill, and one Mr. Tuttle, are fined 1000*l.* each at the sessions in the Old Baily for procuring broad money, and selling it to clippers.

On Thursday next the marquesse of Tavistock, son to the late lord Russel and grandson to the duke of Bedford, is to be married to Mrs. Howland; she will be worth the best part of 100,000*l.*

The king has given the mannor of Swaden, worth 2000*l.* per ann., part of the marquesse of Powis's estate, to the earl of Portland; and Redcastle in Montgomeryshire to the earl of Rochford.

Thursday, 16 *May.*—This day we received letters from Harwich, that the king in his yatch entred the Maes on Tuesday morning, and about 10 the pacquet boat heard the guns goe off, which made them judge he was landed; and about 4 this afternoon the duke of Shrewsbury received an expresse from the postmaster of Deal, which confirms the abovesaid news in every particular.

The lords justices have not yet taken the regency upon them, but have summoned a committee of council to meet to morrow.

This day came in a foreign mail; from Paris, that the duke of Savoy had drawn a line of circumvallation about Cazal; that they were to open the trenches the 4th of this month, new stile; and the whole army would rendevouze near Carignan.

From Catalonia, that 4000 Spaniards had fallen upon 2100 French, killed 500 on the spot, and took as many prisoners, with 200 losse on our side.

From Cadiz, that admiral Russel had sent 4 regiments of English to Barcellona, where they went on shore.

From Flanders, that the duke of Bavaria had formed a camp at Sellick of 40 batallions and 130 squadrons; and prince Vaudemont another at Deynse of 70 batallions, and as many squadrons: the French are making 3 wayes to succour Furnes

and Fort Le Knock if either should be attack'd; and they have inclosed all the frontiers in a new line from Dunkirk to Namur.

The treaty concluded between the emperor and the duke of Saxony is ratifyed, and dispatch'd by an expresse to Dresden, where they suddenly expect the elector to command the grand army; and 6000 foot and 2000 horse of that electors are on their march to Hungary.

The French army on the Rhine consists of 48,000 men.

The states of Duseldorp have given the elector palatine 1,200,000 florins towards the charge of the war.

This day the bank held a general court, and elected Mr. Peter Godfrey a director; after which they resolved to establish a bank at Antwerp, where they will coin money to pay our army in Flanders, (his majestie and the elector of Bavaria having agreed theretoo;) in order to which have appointed sir James Houblon, sir William Scawen, and Mr. Michael Godfrey, deputy governors, to goe thither to methodize the same.

The king has given his share of the prizes taken by captain Bembo on the French coast to him and his saylors.

His majestie hath been pleased to make an order, requiring the superiour officers of his majesties forces in England forthwith to accompt with the inferiour officers and soldiers, upon pain of being cashiered.

Saturday, 18 *May.*—A proclamation will be published next week for a fast to implore the Almighty to preserve his majesties sermon [person], and to prosper his army by sea and land.

Yesterday Tobias Leroy, alias Bourke, (taken up for a French spy,) was tryed by a court martial; was condemn'd to be hang'd on Tower hill, having the French kings commission in his pocket, but his execution is respited till the kings pleasure be known therein.

The men of war that convoyed his majestie to Holland are come to the Downs.

The Hamburgh fleet is arrived at Gravesend.

The duke of Leeds is goeing into Yorkshire for some short time.

The Shoreham frigat, in her passage to Ireland, took a French privateer of 12 guns.

The marquesse of Tavistock's wedding, appointed to be last Tuesday, is putt off for a week longer, the writings not being ready.

Yesterday came letters from admiral Russel, which left him the 26th past sailing out of Cadiz with the fleet for the Mediterranean: he has given orders for the next letters to be sent him to Alicant.

The same day came an expresse from the Hague from the king, when 'twas thought the lords justices would have opened their commission, but deferred it till this afternoon, when the duke of Shrewsbury, lord chamberlain, lord privy seal, and lord Godolphin, mett at the secretaries office and read it, and are to meet again to morrow.

Their lordships, at the instance of the lord Dorset, (lord chamberlain,) have resolved to lay aside the regalia, and to have no sword carried before them to church, nor a publick table.

Tis said the bank of England have agreed with the lords of the treasury to pay our army in Flanders, and in order to it will coin money at Antwerp, which will prevent the exportation of money in specie from hence.

Tuesday, 21 *May*.—Letters from Rome say, that the consul from admiral Russel had obtained of the pope leave for his fleet to retire into Civita Vecchia and buy necessaries, of which the French minister in an audience complained; but his holinesse replyed, that in point of politicks he could doe no otherwise, for they being master of the sea, and his master obliged to barrocade his fleet up in harbour, was not able to secure the ecclesiastick state, nor could hinder the insults on his own.

A vessel arrived at Genoa in 9 dayes from Barcellona sayes, the confederate fleet sayled the 26th ult. for Marseilles with 10 bomb ships to bombard the same.

There are letters from Messina which say, that 8 Malta gallies mett with 3 Tripoline men of war and a barque with corn, 2 of which with the bark they took, and left the third ready to sink: the prisoners say they came out with 8 others, design'd to join the Turks in the Levant.

Edingburgh, 14th; yesterday an order of council was made forbidding English clipt money to passe after the 20th of next month for more then the intrinsick value: the parliament

there, pursuant to their late adjournment, mett, and resolved on a proclamation for a monthly fast during the campagne: and appointed 3 committees, the 1st to consider the safety of the nation; 2d, what bills were fitt to passe, and what to be repealed; 3d, to determine controversies in elections.

Captain Robinson, in the Assistance, is returned from convoying the Hamburgh fleet, and brought with him 3 prizes took near the river Elbe.

The lords justices have made Mr. Vernon their secretary, and chose the lord keeper their president; and have appointed a committee of council to meet to morrow, and a grand council on Thursday.

The lord Berkly has orders from the commissioners of the admiralty to follow such instructions as he receives from the lords justices; and from the time he has the seal of the office to grant commissions &c., that he transmit a daily account of all proceedings both to the lords justices and admiralty board.

The duke of Leeds is removing from St. James's to make room for the princesse of Denmark, who is to reside there.

Some gentlemen, coming out of a tavern in Convent Garden on Sunday morning, quarrelled, and fought, and captain Abercromby Duncomb killed.

Plymouth, the 16th; on Tuesday the Spanish Alliance arrived from Corunna, and in her way mett a Portugeese, who told her above 80 French privateers were at sea: she also mett 2 French capers, who had an English ship of 28 guns from Guinny with them as prize.

Thursday, 23 *May*.—The lords justices have resolved that the teste of all original writs during their administration, instead of teste me ipso, shall be, testibus archiepiscopo Cantuariensi &c. justiciariis et custodibus regni apud Westmonasterium.

This day was a grand council at Whitehal, and are now sitting, where all the lords justices were present except the archbishop, who is not yet come from Canterbury, where he was installed.

Last Thursday in the forenoon Mr. Smith of the treasury was sworn of the privy council; and Mr. Musgrave, member of parliament, and son to sir Christopher, was sworn an extraordinary clerk of the council.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered our fleet to rendevouze in the Downs by the last of this month, and the lord Berkley is hastning thither to command them.

Mr. Byerley of the Temple, who some few dayes since had a quarrel with another in the Temple Lane upon an accidental meeting there, whereupon words arose, and a duel followed, is dead of the wounds he then receiv'd.

This day the marquesse of Tavistock, attended by the duke of Bedford, his grandfather, and several other persons of quality, went to Stretham in 12 coaches and 6 horses to be married to Mrs. Howland, they both making but 28 years.

The lord Ashley is chosen a member of parliament for Pool in the room of Mr. secretary Trenchard.

The lord Paget is to be recalled, and sir Cyril Wyche is to succeed him in his embassy in Turky.

Sir George Rook is not yet come from Holland, where he is adjusting matters with that admiralty, the states insisting that the English fleet should continue next winter in the Streights, offering to keep theirs in the ocean.

An account is come, that our Virginia fleet, which sayled last from hence, is arrived there, but received much damage in bad weather.

Saturday, 25 *May*.—Yesterday 5 persons were executed at Tyburn, all men, and one of them for clipping and coining.

Yesterday the duke of Glocester had 5 physitians with him, being taken ill with an intermitting feavor, and 'twas feared it would have proved to be the small pox, but this day he is much better.

Captain Jumper of the Weymouth has taken and carried to Scilly a French privateer of 14 guns.

This day a batallion of the lord Cut's regiment of guards, new clothed, exercised before their general, duke Schonberg, in Hyde Park; and next week the duke and his dutchesse goe to the Bath to reside there this summer.

Mr. Robert Knott, deputy to the lord Montague, (master of the wardrobe,) being dead, his lordship has given the same to Mr. Bland.

Sir John Sidenham, goeing hence last Thursday evening to Chelsey, was robbed by 4 padds of 100 guineas and other valuables.

Yesterday, being the 1st day of the term, sir Salathiel Lovell, recorder of London, was called within the barr as kings serjeant, having a patent for the same.

Mr. attorney general has his writt for lord cheif baron, and the last Saturday of this term he will take on him the degree of a serjeant in order to the same.

This day came in a foreign post, which sayes, admiral Russel was at Cadiz the 2d instant; that all the bombs, carcasses, &c. were on board, and that he waited only for a fair wind to sail.

That the Spaniards being reinforced at Ceuta, beat the Moors out of their works in a sally, and killed 800 on the spot.

That in Catalonia the Spaniards had routed 100 French, and took 75 prisoners, with a lieutenant collonel.

From Flanders, that the king was to goe as this day to Breda, on Monday to Brussels, and the next day to the army at Deynse.

That the great rains had done much damage there.

That the Venetians have taken 5 Turkish vessels laden with corn.

That 24,000 of the allies are assembled on the Rhine near Hailbron.

Mr. Meesters, the Dutch engineer, is returned from Holland, and 'tis said will command a seperate number of bomb vessells, with a distinct convoy of men of war.

Collonel Rechteren, suspended by a court martial, is ordered by his majestie to be restored to his command.

The lords justices have ordered a general fast to be observed throughout England on the 19th of next month, for imploring the Almighties protection over his majestie and his armes.

Tuesday, 28 *May*.—This day was published by the lord justices a proclamation for a general fast, to be observed throughout England upon the 19th of June next, for imploring a blessing and protection in the preservation of his majesties person, and prosperity of his arms both at sea and land.

This day the lords justices mett at the secretaries office, where the lord Berkly attended, and received his instructions about the fleet; 'tis said the great ships will not putt to sea yet, but only those of lesser rate; and his lordship is to have under him 16 Dutch and 15 English bomb vessels.

The lords justices, at the request of captain Price, repreived a mariner condemned for desertion.

Mr. Gee, a gentleman of the Temple, on Saturday stole away one madam Turner, and the next day married her.

To morrow the earl of Rivers and lord Cuts sett forward for Flanders.

The parliament of Scotland have voted a supply to his majestie for payeing the arrears of the army, and maintaining them another year.

Mr. justice Gyles Eyre is very ill.

Captain Nicholas, a commissioner of the transport ships, is dead.

The homeward bound Barbadoes fleet, consisting of 25 sail, under convoy of the Tyger, are safely arrived at Falmouth, on board whereof was collonel Kendall, governor of that plantation.

Monsieur Mortigny, a French man in custody of a messenger, made his escape; and next evening endeavoured to favour the escape of some other persons, but was taken, and carried to Newgate.

Yesterday morning early, one Mr. Ladds, Hastings, Bishop, &c., attacked two centinels at a messengers door in the Haymarket, as supposed to sett the prisoners at liberty, but being overpowred, were taken, and carried to the captain of the guard, who, taking them to be in drink, lett them goe; upon which tis thought he will lose his place.

The salary of the commissioners of the hackny coaches being reduced from 200*l.* per ann. to 100*l.*, and they to be receivors also, Mr. Ashurst and Mr. Overbury have resigned their places.

Thursday, 30 *May*.—Tuesday last the lord Berkley received his commission to be admiral of our fleet in the ocean; his lordship goes to morrow for Chatham, whither his lordships equipage is already gone.

The marquesse of Caermarthen is to sail with ten men of war to cruize in the Chops of the Channel.

Captain Bembo has framed a project of his own, and sent it to the lords of the admiralty, which is approved of, and he ordered to proceed therein.

This morning the lords justices mett in the secretaries

office, and were attended by the lords of the admiralty; their excellencies meet again at 7 this evening, and the lord Berkley, sir George Rook, and sir Clowdesly Shovell are to attend; and the earl of Romney, master of the ordnance, is to be there also.

The council meet to night to examine Mr. Hastings, Lee, Bishop, Ladds, &c., who were concerned in the riot last Munday in the Hay Market.

Tis said the lords justices have appointed a great part of the forces in England to encamp on Hounslow Heath this summer; and all the marine soldiers are ordered on board the fleet.

The Tyger, lately come into Falmouth, has on board her to the value of 40,000*l.* in gold dust for the use of the African company.

The circuits appointed for this summer assizes are as follow: the western, lord cheif justice Holt and Mr. justice Powel; home circuit, lord cheif baron and Mr. justice Eyre; northern, Mr. justice Nevil and Mr. baron Turton; midland, Mr. baron Lechmore and Mr. baron Powel; Norfolk, Mr. justice Gregory and Mr. justice Eyre; Oxford, lord cheif justice Treby and Mr. justice Rokeby.

Mr. Charnock Heron, Mr. Clark, and Mr. Congreeve, the poet, are made commissioners of the hackny coaches in the place of Mr. Ashurst, Mr. Overbury, and Mr. Isham, who resigned.

Our army which the king commands in Flanders consists of about 70,000 men: there are two others of lesser force, but altogether make about 100,000 foot and 35,000 horse and dragoons.

Our merchants have this advice, that the homeward bound Cadiz fleet are passed by Portsmouth for the Downes.

Saturday, 1 *June*.—The last Holland mail brought 16 warrants from his majestie relating to the kingdom of Ireland, to remove and preferr several persons: the lord cheif justice Reynolds and baron Hartstongue are displaced; sir Richard Pine succeeds the former, and Mr. Donneland the latter: lord cheif baron Heley is made cheif justice of the common pleas in the room of sir Richard Pine, and Mr. Doigne succeeds Mr. Heley. Judge Cox and Jefferson are left out of the council, and there are three more of the judges to be displaced; sir John Temple, attorney general, and sir Richard Leving, solli-

citor, are removed, and Mr. Rochfort succeeds the former, and Mr. Allan Broderick the latter. Several new privy counsellors are to be made there, viz. sir Arthur Rawdon, sir Robert King, sir Christopher Wandsford, Mr. Thomas Broderick, &c.

On Thursday the inhabitants of Leverpool were heard before the lords justices in council about their charter, there being a new one imposed upon them in the late reigns to impower only the livery men to elect magistrates, &c., and the council determined it in favour of the commonalty.

His majestie having allowed Mr. Walcot a writ of error to reverse his attainder, his father being executed for the Rye plott, the same came on yesterday to be argued in the court of kings bench, and the same was reversed for error, whereby he is restored to his paternal estate, which king Charles gave to the lady Roscommon, Mr. Bourk, and Mr. Purcel; the two latter being Irish papists, that enjoy'd the same before the rebellion in 1641.

Mr. Coleman, woodmonger to the late king James, was taken into custody, being just come from France, and 2 pacquets of letters taken about him.

The captain of the Anglesey frigat is turn'd out for not doeing his duty in assisting the Hope.

This day came an expresse from Plimouth, that on the 30th past the homeward bound Oporto fleet sailed by that place to the eastward, as also the homeward bound West India fleet; and that the Weymouth frigat had brought in there a French caper of 12 guns.

This day came in another expresse from Deal, that the Charles gally, the Sea Horse, and a man of war, Pink, had fallen in with a French fleet of merchants on the back of the Goodwin, consisting of 100 sail, goeing to Dunkirk under Danish and Suedish colours, and when it came away they were engaged with the convoy.

Yesterdays Groyne pacquet brought, that admiral Russel sailed the 8th of May up the Streights towards Alicant with 60 men of war, besides fireships, bomb ketches, &c.

Tuesday, 4 *June*.—The Charles gally is come into the Downs, having had 8 of her men killed and about 30 wounded by a Danish man of war of 60 guns, who was convoy to a fleet of Suedes and Danes, supposed to be French goeing to Dun-

kirk; the fight was occasioned by the Dane refusing to strike sail, which the Suede readily did.

The earl of Rivers, lord Cuts, and the commissioners goeing to settle the bank at Antwerp, lye wind bound at Harwich.

Sir Gyles Eyre, one of the judges of the kings bench, dyed on Sunday night; 'tis not yet known who will succeed him.

A foreign post came in yesterday, which brings, that a party of French, who deserted about 3 months since, joyn'd with 50 German musqueteers and 200 dragoons, and advanced with that precaution near Philipsburgh, so as to surprize a redoubt, which facilitated the burning of a great magazine of corn and forage, there being 60,000 sacks of meale, &c., the governor of the fortresse not daring to sally out, as being ignorant of their strength, and returned with a booty of 60 horse.

There came letters also from his majestie, dated the 10th instant, at the camp at Osley, which intimates that he came to the army on Monday night; the 2 dayes past he spent in reviewing the army, with which he was extreamly pleased, they being in very good condition; and on the day of the date all the horse came up, and so soon as the ammunition was delivered out the army would march towards Knock to attack the French lines, whilst the duke of Bavaria does the like on the side of Pont Esperies with the army he commands: the French lye close in their lines, and according to our best advice are but in a low state.

The forces for Catalonia are gone by sea from Zeland; and admiral Allemond has given the signal for sailing with the states quota of ships, bomb vessells, &c. for England.

Mr. Lee, one of the rioters in the Haymarket, surrendred himself, and orders are given to outlaw the rest.

This day Mr. justice Nevill and sir George Treby argued the case of the bankers in the exchequer chamber; the former was of opinion for them against the king; but his lordship seem'd to differ from the other judges: he did not finish his argument, but goes thro it on Monday.

His majestie has made 6 new lieutenant generalls, viz. the duke of Ormond, earles of Scarborough, Romney, and Rochfort, count Nassau, and sir Henry Bellasis.

Thursday, 6 June.—Last week 20,000 guineas were coined at the Tower with the image of king William only.

The Danish minister at this court is ordered to attend the lords justices to the end he may acquaint their excellencies how it came about that the Danish man of war did not strike sail according to custome to the Charles galley, which if he justifies may occasion a misunderstanding between this crown and that of Denmark.

Their lordships have sent an expresse to the king with an account of the said action, praying his majesties directions in that affair.

This day the lords justices satt in the secretaries office, and were attended again by the lord Berkly, who in the afternoon went down to the fleet at the Nore.

Twelve Flanders mails are now come in, but nothing new, all being of older dates then the last from Holland.

Yesterday the prince of Denmark was entertain'd by the earl of Dorset at Copt Hall, after he had been a stag hunting near Brentwood.

Yesterday an officer of dragoons, quartered at Rygate, killed his landlord for refusing to take a bad halfcrown.

Engineer Richards has proved the bomb vessels and new invented mortars, which proved to admiration, some of them throwing a bomb 3 miles and half; and to morrow he goes on board the fleet.

The senate of Genoa, upon advice that the confederate fleet was sayling up the Streights, ordered a person of note to attend and compliment admiral Russel thereon, prayeing him to honour them with a sight of his fleet in their port, with assurances that he shall have all necessaries and provisions there which he may stand in need of.

Last night, the lady Brudenel, sister to the dutchesse of Richmond, as she was walking in her park in Sussex, fell down dead of an apoplexy.

This day Mr. Bethel the vintner (fined 1000*l.* for furnishing clippers with broad money) was by habeas corpus brought to the kings bench court, where he desired to be turn'd over to the kings bench prison; but the court denied it, and remanded him to Newgate.

Saturday, 8 *June*.—This day came letters from Ireland, which bring, that on the 26th past the commission to constitute the lord Capell lord deputy of that kingdom arrived at

Dublin, and next day his excellency was sworn at Mr. Duncombs house at Chappel Izard, who lay ill of the stone; after which he returned, and was received by the soldiers in arms, the cannon discharged, and in the evening were bonefires.

A proclamation is published there for raising the price of gold and silver coin, in order to prevent it's exportation.

Sir Edward Ward was this morning sworn serjeant at law at the chancery bar, and in the afternoon sworn lord cheif baron at the lord keepers house: the motto of his rings was, Arma nec silent leges.

Our merchants have received letters, that a Jersey privateer has been cruizing in Camaret Bay, where he took a small prize: the prisoners say, that 150 French transport ships lye ready at Brest, Rocheford, &c., with 16 frigats, and land men goeing on board, on some expedition; upon which the islands of Guernsey and Jersey are putting themselves in a posture of defence, and the officers here belonging thereto are gone down thither.

Captain Scott, understanding a warrant was out against him, has surrendred himself to the duke of Shrewsbury, being lately come from France.

The lords justices have given order for passing a commission for the lord Bellamount to be governor of New England.

The 6 regiments of the train'd bands of this citty holding an annual muster, the court of lieutenancy have ordered, that whereas they formerly muster'd in a body, they shall now perform the same by a single company, doeing duty day and night, so that the citty will be guarded 48 dayes successively, haveing already begun the same.

We want a foreign post.

Tuesday 11 *June.*—The commissioners of the victualling office are providing 3 months provisions more to be sent to admiral Russels fleet in the Streights, where, we hear, he will continue next winter, and not be succeeded by sir George Rook, as was said, the Spaniards and Dutch seeming unwilling to be under the command of any other then what has been an admiral; and diverse men of war are preparing to goe thither, in whose room others will return.

Yesterday being the birthday of the pretended prince of

Wales, several Jacobites mett in several places, and particularly at the Dogg tavern in Drury Lane, where with kettle drumms, trumpets, &c. they caroused, and having a bonefire near that place, would have forced some of the spectators to have drank the said princes health, which they refusing, occasioned a tumult, upon which the mobb gathering entred the tavern, where they did much damage, and putt the Jacobites to flight, some of which are taken into custody, viz. captain George Porter, Mr. Goodman, the late player, Mr. Bedding, Mr. Pate, &c.

On Saturday the lord Berkley came hither from the Nore, and next Thursday goes for Spithead, where the fleet rendevouzes, and from thence sail to the coast of France.

This morning Mr. Chapman the messenger came hither from Flanders, who left the king on Sunday morning 70,000 strong within an hour of the French lines; the elector of Bavaria commanded another army of 40,000, and the duke of Wirtemberg, with 20,000 more, was sett down before Fort La Knock, which, if taken, will open a passage to Dunkirk; and 'tis said the king would as this day attack the lines.

On Sunday last the lords justices received the sacrament at their several parish churches; and yesterday they took the oaths at Westminster, the lord keeper in the court of kings bench, and the others in chancery.

Thursday, 13 *June*.—Mr. Grey, brother to the earl of Tankervill, on Sunday made his escape out of the kings bench prison, where he was in execution for 3000*l*.

This afternoon an expresse arrived at Whitehall with an account that admiral Allemond with the Dutch fleet and bomb vessels are come into the Downs.

There is this further about the Jacobite ryot in Drury Lane, viz. that one captain Reginald Chivery was seised, and examined and committed to Newgate by two justices of peace, upon the oaths of 2 persons that he (with many others) did, as a principal leader of the party that declared for the late king James, display colours, beat a kettle drumm, and with his sword drawn fought a party of the watch and others that declared for king William: the said matter is laid before the lords justices, who have sent for the judges to give their opinions therein.

A proclamation will be published for apprehending 14 others that escaped out of a back door.

A warrant is come from the king to borrow money on the late act of glasse and coales.

The French spy lately condemned here is to be exchang'd for one of ours under the same sentence in France.

The Royal William, the Queen, the Neptune, and other great ships, are preparing for the Streights.

The archbishop of Canterbury and other commissioners for erecting an hospital for seamen at Greenwich mett yesterday, and subscribed considerably towards building the same; his grace 500*l.*

Four regiments of horse, viz. Oxford, Macclesfeild, Arran, and colonel Windsor's; 2 of dragoons, viz. Denbigh and colonel Lee; and 6 of foot, viz. sir John Jacobs, sir Henry Bellasis, colonel Colt's, colonel Faringdons, and colonel Norcott's, with a batallion of the guards, making in all 7634, are ordered to encamp on Hounslow Heath.

Yesterday's foreign mail sayes, admiral Russel was the 18th, with 54 ships, before Alicant; and had sent a squadron to convoy the transport ships with soldiers from Malaga to Barcelona; and another to convoy home the Turky fleet; and a third to cruize about Cape St. Vincent.

Saturday, 15 *June.*—Letters yesterday from Holyhead advise, that two of our pacquet boats, one goeing to and the other coming from Ireland, with 4 mailes on board, were both taken by two French privateers that infest the Irish coast almost in sight of Dublin.

The African company have sent the value of 30,000*l.* in gold dust to the Mint to be coined.

100,000 guineas were the beginning of this week brought hither from Holland: tis said the lords of the treasury will sett a price upon them.

A Danish ship from India has brought letters to the East India company here, that all their ships were safely arrived there, which has advanced their actions 10*l.* per cent.

Sir George Markham is elected a member of parliament for Newwark in the room of the lord Eland, now marquesse of Hallifax.

The lords of the admiralty are preparing to remove from

their office in St. James Park to that new built on Wallingford ground, opposite to Scotland Yard.

Yesterday forty condemned prisoners were sent from Newgate to our plantations in the West Indies.

The Dutch fleet, said in my last to be come into the Downes, was only the Rotterdam squadron, and the remainder is hourly expected.

The judges, we hear, have given their opinion to the lords justices, that the late disorder in Drury Lane made by the Jacobites amounts to high treason.

His majestie hath appointed Mr. Loyd judge of North Wales in room of Mr. Burton, deceased.

His majestie hath created John Vaughan, esq., grandson to the late lord cheif justice Vaughan, viscount of Lisburne in the kingdom of Ireland.

The bank of England have lent into the exchequer 150,000*l.* upon the coal and glasse act.

The lords justices have resolved to prorogue the parliament from the 18th instant to the 30th of next month.

A foreign mail is wanting.

Tuesday, 18 *June.*—Yesterday came in a Dutch mail, with news that the Venetians were alarmed at the march of 20,000 Turks to beseige Ciclut, but that general Delphino had cut off 500 of them that were in the forlorn, and that the Turks were also in a body at Thebes to fall into the Morea.

From the Rhine, that the French had sent a party to bombard Heidleburgh, and that the army designed to beseige Franfort.

From his majesties camp, June 23d; the French have attempted four several times to retake the ground we took from them near Kenock, but were repulsed, with great losse on both sides.

The duke of Wirtembergh batters the fort with 40 cannon and 10 mortars, but the enemy having opened their sluyces retards the taking thereof.

The French are making a new line between that and Dunkirk to oppose the allies in case they take it.

The earl of Athlone with the Brandenburgh and Leige forces are goeing to beseige Namur.

The king has sent a present of 20 fine English horses to the king of Sueden.

The king has named Vandergoes to command 16 Dutch ships to observe the Dunkirk squadron.

Our East India company have received an account that two interlopers, arrived in India to lade that country effects, were seized by order of the mogull, who will trade with none but the company.

Last night sir John Fenwick, concern'd in the late Jacobite ryot in Drury Lane, was seiz'd, and this day examined before the lords justices, and admitted to bail.

One Mr. Williams, concerned with him, is also taken, but the others abscond.

Admiral Allemond, with the Dutch fleet, joined the lord Berkley on Monday at Spithead, and the whole fleet is now ready to sail towards Dunkirk.

This day the parliament mett, and the duke of Bedford, being in commission with others by his majesties order, prorogued them to the 30th of next month.

The lords justices mett, and sent an expresse to the lord Berkley at Portsmouth, after which their excellencies dined with the archbishop at Lambeth.

Next month the camp opens at Hounslow Heath, and 14 peices of cannon are drawn out in St. James Park to goe thither.

Twenty clippers are apprehended at Bristol in the very fact.

The parliament of Scotland have committed the lord Brodalbin to the castle of Edingburgh for high treason.

Thursday, 20 *June*.—The lord chamberlain has displaced Mr. Pate and Mr. Reading from their places in the new play house for being in the late Jacobite ryot in Drury Lane.

On Tuesday messengers were sent to Dover to bring up young Bromfeild the quaker, who was taken in a French ship with a pacquet of letters to several persons here, and warrants are issued out thereon.

This day Mr. Moor, a rich housekeeper in Peter Street, Westminster, was committed to Newgate on suspition for clipping.

This day the commissioners of the admiralty satt in the new office against Scotland Yard.

Yesterday Mr. Broderick, the new sollicitor general of Ireland, sett forward for that kingdom.

Yesterday was kept here very strictly, being the publick fast day, and the dean of St. Pauls preached at the chappel at Whitehall.

On Tuesday night last the play house in Dorset Garden was broke open, and their rich garments, to the value of 300*l.*, taken away.

Wrote from Ireland, that their coasts are much infested with French privateers; and that some of the cheif tories are seized in the county of Antrim.

Last week sir John St. Aubyn, member of parliament, was married [to] the lady De Lehay's daughter.

This week the prince of Denmark was taken ill, and blooded and blistred, but is somewhat better now.

Edingburgh, 13th; the commissioners of the treasury have given notice by proclamation that the revenue of the bishops is to be lett to farm the 15th of July; and that the murtherers of the laird of Glenco are to be prosecuted for treason.

Colonel Belcastle and his lady are arrived here from Dunkirk.

Yesterday captain Salisbury and Mr. Rhodes were taken up upon the late Jacobite riot in Drury Lane.

Engineer Meesters is gone to the fleet, which is ordered to sail.

We want a foreign mail.

Saturday, 22 *June*.—Our letters from the lord Berkley's fleet say, that they, consisting of 20 English and Dutch third rates in the line of battle, besides frigats, fireships, bomb vessels, and tenders, are sailed from Spithead to St. Hellens, having taken on board 200 land soldiers from Portsmouth, and are to sail from thence to Guernsey Road.

The captain of the Carcasse bomb vessel is suspended from his command for misdemeanor, and lieutenant Holmes of the Queen at present commands her.

Several French privateers lie lurking about the Isle of Purbeck, and 2 of our frigats are sent to look out after them.

This morning the lord Villiers sett forward for Holland in quality of his majesties envoy to that state.

One Mr. Roe and another are taken into custody of a mes-

senger for being in the late ryot: the former was the trumpeter, and offers to make a discovery, and his examination is taken, but not satisfactory.

Dr. Cradock, provost of Eton, succeeds Dr. Brevint in the deanry of Lincoln; and Dr. Godolphin is to be provost of Eton.

Monday, being Midsummer day, Mr. Gooday, a stationer, and one Mr. Webster, who fined last year for sherifs, are like to be elected again for the year ensueing.

A ship from Newport is put into Falmouth, the master of which sayes, that Fort Kenoque is taken by storm; and that the duke of Wirtembergh is advancing to fight count Montal, who lies with a body of men to cover that and Dunkirk; but no account being come thereof tis not credited.

Mr. Christy, member of parliament for Bedford, is dead.

Some ships are ordered to join the marquesse of Caermarthen at Plymouth.

Mr. comptroller has complained to the green cloth against Mr. Story for keeping musick and revelling in his house on the fast day; and tis beleived he will be turned out.

Tuesday, 25 *June*.—Mr. Stone, secretary to the lord Capell, (lord deputy of Ireland,) is arrived thence, and brought with him 14 bills to be signed here and returned, to passe into lawes in the parliament at Dublin, which will sit in September: one is for an additional excise; another to repeal the act de heretico comburendo; a 3d to repeal the attainder of diverse persons in king James's time, &c.

Lord Bellamount is hastning to his government of New England; as is Mr. Tynewell, cheif commissioner of the dock at Plymouth, to be in the same place at Kingsale.

On Sunday morning one Mr. Cary and Mr. Young, (one of the persons concerned in the late riot in the Haymarket,) upon a quarrel the night before at the playhouse about a woman, fought a duel, in which the former was mortally wounded, and soon after dyed; and the other went off with 2 wounds in his arm, but not having a skilful surgeon (an artery being prickt) fell into a convulsion, and tis said dyed yesterday.

The same day a duel was fought between a Dutch officer and an English lieutenant, (belonging to Tilbury Fort,) and the former was killed on the spott.

Sir John Parsons and some others have offered to farm the excise at 50,000*l.* per ann. more then what it yields at present.

The earl of Denbigh on Saturday married sir Basil Firebraces daughter.

Sir Edward Windham is dead, and not Mr. Christy, as was said.

This afternoon came in two foreign mailes, which confirm the grand vizier and all his creatures being in disgrace.

That the Spaniards had fought with 8000 French in Catalonia, who were putting 300 mules with provisions into Castle Foliet, and after 5 hours fight totally defeated them, taking all their mules but 30.

That admiral Russel has not yet attempted any thing upon Thoulon, stayeing for the ships sent to fetch the forces from Finall.

From Flanders, that the attacking the Fort of Kenoque was but a feint to draw the French forces that way, so that the confederate army might the better invest Namur, in order to which the elector of Bavaria was come to Hall, and the Leige and Brandenburgh forces under the earl of Athlone to Permitz, and the king is drawing that way to cover the seige.

Sir Leonard Robinson and Mr. Godfrey Webster, a packer, are chosen sherifs of London for the year ensueing; and sir Leonard Robinson is also chose chamberlain again.

Thursday, 27 *June*.—Wensday last one monsieur Laherne was seized near to Whitehal by 4 messengers for a French spy; it appears he is a commander of the French kings artillery, and only sayes for himself he deserted that service.

Scotch letters of the 20th say, a bill was brought into the parliament house to disable papists from disinheriting their children that are protestants; and that that morning advice came from Glasco that the mobb were gott together to the number of 5000 upon apprehension that the parliament was about diminishing the rights of the burroughs, but a message being sent them that nothing therein was intended, they dispersed.

Sir Leonard Robinson and Mr. Webster this day offering to fine for sherifs, the lord mayor and court of aldermen have ordered a common council to meet to morrow to consider thereof.

The attorney general has received instructions to prepare informations of high treason against some of the late rioters in Drury Lane.

Plymouth letters advise, that an expresse was come thither from the lords of the admiralty to impower the marquesse of Caermarthen to take with him all the cruizers he meets with, and sail for the Soundings.

The last foreign letters advise, that admiral Russel had been at Thoulon and Marseilles, and found both those places strongly fortifyed; after which he went to Genoa, and sent in the Suffolk man of war, upon which all the galleys in harbour and guns of the forts saluted him; and the senate sent a supply of all manner of refreshments and rich presents of gold to the admiral and every flagg officer, and a gift to each seaman, the whole valued at above 100,000*l.*

Private letters from Flanders say, that sir Bevill Greenville fought the marquesse de Rada, one of our foot collonels, and wounded him, so that soon after he dyed.

That colonel Brewer's and Tiffanyes regiments suffered the most at Kenoque, being several dayes without trenches.

Two orders are come from the king to the lord Capel, one to constitute Mr. Bourk accountant general of Ireland, the other that the army bills in that kingdom were to be discounted out of the arrears of the excise.

Some of the bills lately come from Ireland were this day read in council here, and ordered to passe; one of them was to prevent frauds and perjuries.

Saturday, 29 *June*.—Letters from Bediford of the 25th say, that several small French privateers disturb their trade there in sight of our men of war, they having oares to row from them; and that a vessel pass'd by that place in 15 dayes from St. Sebastians, the master whereof reports, that there was mighty joy in Spain for the late great victory obtained by the Miquelets over the French in Catalonia.

The pyrates in the Savoy have petitioned the lords justices, setting forth that they are about 100 in number, that several of them have been tryed, and that they have been kept a long time prisoners, praying that they may be either exchang'd or otherwise discharged.

Tis said that the late king James has 14 privateers at sea

under his own commission, and that one of them took the King William yatch coming from Jamaica, and another the Falcon frigat of 24 guns, and having put the men in prison, refuse to exchange them but for so many English, Scotch, or Irish.

The lords of the admiralty have agreed to grant letters of mart to all merchant men to take what prizes they meet with.

Their lordships have an account that the lord Berkley had given the signal for sailing a 2d time, so 'tis thought he is at sea.

This day one Swann of colonel Farington's regiment was convicted by a court martial, as also one Webster of sir Henry Bellasis's, for desertion, and sentenc'd to be shot to death; and a 3d, for the like crime, to run the gauntlet twice thro' the whole regiment.

The lord Ossulston is married to the earl of Tankervilles daughter.

The marquesse of Carmarthen continues still at Plymouth, where there is advice that the marquesse of Nesmond is at sea with a French squadron of 12 sail.

Our Turky merchants have advice that their fleet is come to Cadiz on their way home.

Two new fourth rate frigats were this week launched at Southampton.

The Scotch merchants are building 10 frigats to secure their trade to the West Indies.

Yesterday Mr. Webster fin'd for sherif, as also did Mr. Gooday, fearing he should be the next chose; but sir Leonard Robinson hath taken till Tuesday to consider thereof.

This evening came an expresse that the lord Berkley was again putt to sea, but that the well boats by a storm were forced into the Isle of Weight, and the Shark brigantine lost.

The fleet design against St. Malloes.

Tuesday, 2 *July*.—Orders are sent to the several regiments that are to incamp on Hounslow Heath to begin their march thither.

The convoy design'd for Cadiz will consist of 4 first and 2d rates and 7 third rates; there goes with them a great fleet of victuallers and storeships for admiral Russel's fleet: they will sail the beginning of next month.

Yesterday we had a post from Spain, with advice, that the

French lost 4000 men in the late action near Castle Follet; and that the Spaniards do'nt doubt but in a short time to drive the French out of Catalonia, they being preparing by land and admiral Russel by sea to retake Palamos and Roses.

Mr. Reppington, condemned for killing Mr. Dodd, has obtained his majesties pardon.

A great complaint is sent up to court from an alderman of Coventry, that an officer, with some soldiers, had severely beaten him, upon which messengers are sent to fetch them up.

It's added from the Groyn, that 3 English men of war, which were sent to view the ports of Marseilles and Thoulon, having been 30 hours before the latter, had taken 3 prizes, laden with corn, and a chest of corall, and return'd to the fleet at Barcelona.

Edingburgh, the 24th ult.; this day the parliament mett, and resolved, that the killing the laird of Glenco and his family by collonel Hill and his soldiers, after they had promised them the kings indemnity, was murther, and ordered that the persons who were the cause thereof be enquired into.

We had letters yesterday from Ireland, that our cruizers have taken off Cape Clear captain Walshes privateer, with king James commission; but that the captain, with 200 of his men, were escaped to the mountains, and being pursued, 24 of them were taken.

This day came an expresse from the west, with advice, that a fleet of 80 sail, under the convoy of 4 men of war from Cales, were seen off the Lands End.

The fleet which sailed from St. Hellens on Saturday, supposed for St. Mallo's, consisted of 7 English and 9 Dutch men of war, besides bomb vessells and well boats.

Sir Leonard Robinson and Mr. Webster having fined for sherifs, the common hall mett this day to chuse again; but they insisted on their former election, which caused great heats, whereupon they were dismist till a further summons.

We want 2 foreign posts.

The council have ordered the Drury Lane rioters to be tryed this sessions at the Old Baily, which begins to morrow; and this evening 6 more of them were sent to Newgate.

The marquesse of Caermarthen is sailed from Plymouth with a fair wind.

Thursday, 4 *July*.—The lady Waldgrave's natural daughter by the late king James, with the lady Plunket, are arrived here from France, having passes.

All the Irish bills are now passed in council, and will speedily be sent over thither.

Sir Richard Atkins, collonel of a regiment of foot, having his wife layn with by Mr. Medlicot the beau, mett him on Tuesday in a coffee house, and walking thence into the Temple, bid him draw, which he refusing, sir Richard with his cane knockt him down: sir Richard has also challenged sir Edward Longueville, a Romanist; and they have obtained a passe for both to goe beyond sea.

The lord Bellamounts warrant for his patent runs to be governor, captain general, and admiral of New England.

Yesterday bills were found at Hicks Hall against the late rioters in the Haymarket and Drury Lane for misdemeanor; a bill of high treason against Moor the tripeman for clipping; and a bill of murther against Tooley, the deputy provost marshal.

The common hall are summoned to appear in their gowns to morrow to chuse new sherifs.

Eight women, clothed in white, went to beg the life of one Swan, a soldier, sentenc'd to be shott for deserting, but could not prevail with the lords justices, this being his third offence.

One Allen of the custome house is convicted for poysoning his wife.

Madam Ash has brought an action of the case for slander against the lady Ash, her mother, for endeavouring to render her a lunatick, and hindering her fortune in mariage.

This evening Tooley, the provost marshal, was tryed and acquitted.

No foreign news besides what in the Gazett.

Saturday, 6 *July*.—Yesterday another common hall was held, wherein the lord mayor told the livery men, that sir Leonard Robinson and Mr. Webster having fined for sherifs, they must proceed to a new choice; but they insisting upon their former election declared their dissent to the 2d: notwithstanding several persons were nominated, and the majority of those few who held up their hands fell upon Mr. Samuel Lethulier and Mr. Adams; but a poll being demanded on be-

half of Mr. Wills and Mr. Moyer, 'twas granted, and the election not yet over: the common hall seem much dissatisfied, and intend to try at law whither the court of aldermen can take fines without their consent, who have a right in chusing.

The same evening the ryoters in the Haymarket were tryed at the Old Baily, and those that appeared were found guilty of misdemeanor, viz. Mr. Lee, Mr. Lads, Mr. Bishop, and captain Hastings: and this day those of Drury Lane were tryed; sir John Fenwick, Mr. Rowe, and Mr. Williams, were acquitted; but Mr. Porter, Mr. Chevery, Mr. Rhodes, Mr. Villiers, and major Mathews, were found guilty of misdemeanor.

Mr. Moor, the rich tripeman of Westminster, was found guilty of clipping and coyning, and some others will be tryed for the like offence.

A grant is passed the seales for the lord Rochester to have all the coppices and woodlands about Killingworth in Warwickshire belonging to the crown under the yearly rent of *6s. 8d.*, with all the arrears due since the year 1681.

A messenger was some time since sent to seize a gentleman at Dover, who escaped out of his bed an hour before he came; but many papers and letters were taken, with a key to decipher them, being about a design to invite the French king to land men there, &c.

A vessel come into Weymouth from Guernsey advises, that the lord Berkley had taken in pylots there, and stood towards St. Maloes; and other vessells since say they have heard great shooting that way.

Last Thursday in the evening the lord mayor, aldermen, and justices of peace of Middlesex, were sent for to Whitehall, and received orders from the lords justices to prevent riotous meetings of papists and other disaffected persons.

Yesterday's foreign post is wanting.

Tuesday, 9 July.—Saturday night late the sessions ended in the Old Baily, where 12 persons received sentence of death; the rioters in the Haymarket were fined; sir Cecil Bishop's son 200 marks; Mr. Hastings 20, Ladds 20, and Lee 20: as also were the Drury Lane rioters, viz. Mr. Porter 500 marks, Chivery 500, Harding 100, Mathews 200, Rhodes 100, and Villiers 100, and to lye in prison till paid.

This day the sherifs waited upon the lords justices to have

their directions when the prisoners should be executed, who appointed Fryday next: Moor, the tripeman, offers 6000*l.* for his pardon; and Allen, for poysoning his wife, is reprieved for some few daies, being distracted.

Mr. Goodman, one of the Drury Lane ryoters, has surrendred himself, and admitted to bail; colonel Salisbury, another of them, is taken into the custody of a messenger.

Mrs. Brent and her daughter, with 2 of the lord Mollineuxes granddaughters, and some other ladies, are arrived at Dover from France, and taken into custody there.

On Fryday the commissioners for erecting the new hospital at Greenwich mett again, and have procured near 10,000*l.* subscriptions, which, with the kings allowance, will enable them to begin that noble work.

The lord mayors poll for sheriffs is over, and Mr. Lethulier and Mr. Wills chose: 'tis said they refuse to hold or fine, sayeing that Robinson and Webster were duly elected, and ought to serve.

We want two foreign mails.

We have yet no news from the lord Berkly, but hourly expect it.

Admiral Allemond, we hear, is to goe towards Rochell and the Isle of Rhee to alaram the enemy in those parts.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that the libel against the lord Brodalbin was read to him by the kings advocate in the parliament house, and a copy of it was given him, and he to be heard 15 dayes after.

Three of the northern ministers were committed for protesting against the commissioners of the generall assembly; the names of the lords and gentlemen with king James in France were called over; and the earls of Middleton and Melford, and Blair, laird of Carberry, were declared rebells, and thereupon their arms were torn at the market crosse.

Collonel Hill and collonel Hamilton were cleared of the Glenco murther.

The sessions at the Old Baily began the 3d, and held the 4th, 5th, and 6th, where several criminalls were tried; 12 received sentence of death, 6 men and 6 women, most of them for clipping and coyneing; 8 were burnt in the hand, 6 ordered to be whipt, and several fined, of which before.

Thursday 11 *July.* — Yesterday came in 2 foreign mails which give an account, that on the 26th past the trenches were opened before Cazal: and that on the 12th instant they were likewise opened before Namur; the particulars of which are in this days Gazet.

Two Zealand privateers have taken a rich French merchant ship from Smirna in the channel of Maltha, and sunk 2 corsairs of Barbary.

Twelve thousand men are detached from the French army on the Rhine towards Flanders, where the mareschal de Villeroy is upon motion, intending by way of diversion to beseige Aeth.

Wrote from Aix la Chapelle, that 40 French in bores habits entred the town, and forced the Leige gate, took the keyes, and lett in 200 French horse, and seized the commissary for the elector of Brandenburghs contributions, taking away the quarter master general, with a considerable summ of money, and then retired.

Thorn and Stevens, 2 eminent highway men, condemned last Surry assizes, were this week again committed to the Marshalsea for robbing some quakers near Kensington Common; and concluding they should be hang'd, boasted of their robberies, and that they killed a woman great with child.

Mr. Stone, the lord Capells secretary, has the Irish bills delivered him in order to carry them to Dublin; and takes with him the late queens coach of state for his excellencies use on extraordinary occasions.

Benjamin Harris is taken into custody for printing false news.

Saturday, 13 *July.*—Yesterday four men were executed at Tyburn, three of them for clipping, one of which was John Moore, the tripeman, said to have gott a good estate by clipping, and to have offered 6000*l.* for his pardon.

A captain of one of the fireships spent at St. Maloes has given the lords of the admiralty an account of that expedition, and sayes he beleives we have done them near a million damage.

The town of Granville, lately burnt by us, was populous, and contained about 700 houses, well built.

This morning we had a Dutch post, with news, that the

mareschal de Villeroy, with count Montal, march'd to fall upon prince Vaudemont, whereof he having advice, and that they were twice his number, designing to attack him in front and rear, sent monsieur Overkirk with all the horse and dragoons to oppose them, whilst he marcht off with the cannon, baggage, and the rest of the army to Ghent, which he did with no other losse then 8 or 10 Dutch dragoons kill'd in the rear. Villeroy, enraged at the missing so good an opportunity, burnt Wonterghem and 3 other villages where they had quartered. That on Monday last we attackt the hill near Brussels gate before Namur with 14 batallions of English and Scotch under major general Ramsey and 8 foreign regiments, which continued two hours; the enemy was beat out of two intrenchments and two covered wayes, where they were strongly fortified, and were pursued to the glacis; they lost a great many men, and we above 500, amongst whom were colonel Robinson and captain Montague of the guards, as also Mr. Cavendish. We have rais'd 2 batteries on the ground we took, whence we have a command over the town.

From the Rhine, that the French are retired to Philipsburgh, having detach'd 6000 to Piedmont and 12,000 to Flanders.

From Casal, that the trenches are advanced nearer the town, against which 3 several batteries are raised, and that the Montferins within the town have revolted against the governor, which has obliged him to turn 20 guns against the town.

Tuesday, 16 *July*.—The earl of Romney has received an account, as collonel of the 1st regiment of foot guards, of the officers killed and wounded in his regiment before Namur, viz. lieutenant colonel Robinson, captains Hide and Mountague, Mr. Cavendish, standard bearer to the king, killed; captains Upcot and Etheridge mortally wounded; ensigns Austin, Lane, and Clark, captains Davis and Evans wounded, with about 200 private sentinells killed, wounded, and taken prisoners; the lord Cuts had out of his batallion about 150 killed and wounded and taken prisoners; the Scotch batallion of guards about 90, and the Dutch batallion about 160.

Irish letters say, that the marquesse of Caermarthen was come to Kingsale with his squadron, to clear those seas of the French privateers.

Captain Charlton, who lost his bomb ship before St. Maloes, has been tryed, and honourably acquitted.

The lords of the admiralty in few dayes will appoint captains of 6 new fourth rate men of war that are goeing to sea.

A gentleman of New England has formed a device to carry any vessel against wind or tyde without sails or oares, by the help of a wheel to be turned by men within.

Edingburgh, 9th; this day the parliament read a letter from collonel Hamilton excusing his non appearing, upon which they voted him guilty of the Glenco murther; after which they resolved upon an addresse of thanks to his majestie for letting them enquire into the said murther.

This day the lord mayor and aldermen took Mr. Lethuliers fine for sherif; Mr. Wills also offered his, but they declined it.

A patent is passing the seales to make Mr. Hawles sollicitor generall.

The lord Berkly has sent to captain Wood to gett some more bombs ready, and meet him with the fleet in the Downs; after which he will sail for Dunkirk, Calice, Bologne, &c.

An Ostend caper has brought into the Downs 2 French ships laden with accoutrements for horse.

Moor the tripeman being hang'd for clipping, the duke of Somerset has seized upon his house, worth 1000*l.*, being within his mannor of Isleworth.

This day a rich chandler of Lambeth and a housekeeper in Long Acre were seized for clipping.

This evening came in a foreign post, which sayes, we had 300 killed and 400 wounded in the late action before Namur, and the enemy 1600 killed and wounded; and that we have made a large breach in the town wall.

That count Montal, by way of diversion, has beseiged Dixmude, in which are 8 batallions; that they have opened their trenches, and laid the countrey under water on one side of the town.

That Cazal is capitulating upon these terms; the governor to dismantle the castle and the confederates the fortifications of the town, and afterwards deliver it to the duke of Mantua.

That the French have not repast the Rhine, as reported, but prince Lewis watches them very closely.

Thursday, 18 *July*.—The last foreign mail brought, that

the grand seignior having strangled the vizier and caimacan, the Janisaries came in a tumultuous manner to the place where the sultan was, and would have raz'd it to the ground, had he not distributed among them 500 purses of zechins, withall swearing by Mahomet that he knew nothing of the matter; and that those who were the authors of it, as he supposed the mufti was cheif, should follow the same fate.

The Scotch letters bring, besides what the Gazet mentions, that a French privateer of 8 guns and 21 men was stranded near Leith; and that a notorious highland robber, who for some time past had robbed great numbers of people in their way to Glasco and other market towns, was seized at Edingburgh, and was to be executed forthwith (being outlawed) with three others of his gang.

Yesterday an expresse came from Portsmouth, that the lord Berkly was sailed for the Downs, where he is to take some land men on board.

The states general have appointed a publick fast for his majesties good successe before Namur, where he has taken 4 bastions: they have sent one of their members to the king, prayeing him not to hazard his person in the said seige.

The lords justices have given captain Phillips 100*l.* for bringing the news of the bombarding St. Maloes.

The council are now sitting to hear the complaint made by an alderman of Coventry against captain Porter for striking him there.

An expresse is come from the marquesse of Caermarthen, who is in the Soundings, desiring that more men of war may be sent to join him.

Orders are come to the commissioners of the victualling office for the buying up 60 beeves and 40 hoggs weekly till Michaelmas; and I am told that a fourth convoy of stores will be sent to admiral Russel.

Saturday, 20 *July*.—Yesterday one Mr. Edmund Allen, condemned at the late sessions at the Old Baily for poysoning his wife, was carried in a coach to Tyburn, where he was executed for the same.

Yesterday came in a foreign post, which brings from Flanders, that twas beleiv'd monsieur Montal would have beseiged Dixmuyd, having taken the necessary posts for it, but by the

care of prince Vaudemont the French were disappointed in their designs on that place and Newport too, in which they expected but a small garison, so that Montal made all the hast he could thither, but finding the duke of Wirtembergh and sir Henry Bellasis in that neighbourhood with a strong body of men, he marched back, and sent his great cannon to Dunkirk, and tis supposed has join'd Villeroy, who is in motion about Courtray.

From the camp before Namur, 25 July; since our last we have raised 3 batteries of 24 pounders each, and play from them incessantly, having made a breach between St. Nicholas and Brussells gate that 30 men may enter abreast; we are advanced within pistol shot of the counterscarp, and preparing to make a general assault.

The earl of Athlone being march'd with a considerable force upon some secret design, Villeroy has detach'd several troops after him.

The prince of Baden has sent to his majestie, that the confederates having join'd him, he is in such a condition as to prevent De Lorges making any detachments to Flanders, &c., who is at Landau, and being recovered will take upon him the command of the army.

Cazal is surrendred upon conditions; the fortifications to be demolished, the garison to march to Pignerol, with arms, baggage, 12 cannon, and 2 mortars; the rest of the cannon and warlike stores fall to the duke of Savoy, who is to have two thirds, and the emperor and king of Spain the other.

Sir George Rook has instructions to goe with 12 men of war to Cadiz, where he will command our fleet; and admiral Russel return home with the Turky fleet, which is expected there in a short time.

This day came an expresse, that the lord Berkly, with the fleet, was sailed to the Downs, but the weather being stormy some of the well boats had not yet joined him, and that he was standing towards Dunkirk.

The king has ordered some regiments of foot forthwith to embarque for Flanders.

The camp at Hounslow is putt off.

The lords justices have directed that all ships be searched, and all guineas imported and not coined at the Tower to be seized.

Tuesday, 23 *July*.—Brigadeer Wynn, collonel of a regiment of Iniskelling dragoons, is dead in Flanders of the wounds he received in the knee about a month since in the action where the lords Essex and Portland commanded against a party of French, who endeavoured to intercept our convoy of provisions; and tis said his lieutenant, Alexander Rosse, will succeed him.

The bank for letting out moneys at 3*l*. 10*s*. per cent. upon land is now compleated.

Saturday night Mr. Moore, a gentleman of 500*l*. per ann., quarrelling with Mr. Hurst, his friend and acquaintance, about moneys which the latter would have had of him, they went out and fought, and the latter was killed, and this day the coroners inquest brought it in manslaughter.

A flyeing post is come from Scotland, that the parliament was adjourned, having given the king 30,000*l*. more then he desired, and setled 12,000*l*. per ann. more then he had before; that the earl of Broadalbin was continued prisoner.

Lieutenant colonel Hamilton, who was declared a fugitive by the parliament of Scotland, is goeing to Flanders to lay himself at his majesties feet.

We have this day advice that the marquesse of Caermarthen is arrived on the English coasts with the homeward bound Cadiz fleet, beeing about 80 sail.

We hear also that the lord Berkly, with the fleet and machine ships, is sailed out of the Downs for the coast of France.

This night the exchequer keeps open till 12 for people to buy the reversion of 14*l*. per cent. for 99 years, it being the last day.

170 exchanged prisoners arrived at Dartmouth from St. Maloes say, that the greatest part of that place was destroyed by our bombs; and that they were brought thro bye wayes, that they might not see the damages done there.

Yesterdays foreign post is wanting.

A long hearing was this night in council, relating to captain Porter beating alderman Herringman of Coventry; the alderman was reprimanded for intermedling in the military affairs, and the captain suspended till the kings pleasure be known.

Thursday, 25 *July*.—Foreign letters say, that a letter from Boufflers to the French king was intercepted, wherein he pro-

mises to defend the place to the last extremity, yet sayes, if not releived by the next month fears he shall be obliged to surrender.

The bank of England had letters from sir James Houblon and sir William Scawen, signifyeing that they, together with Mr. Michael Godfrey, deputy governor of the bank, being invited to dine with the king in his tent, afterwards they waited upon him into the trenches to view the same, where a cannon ball killed the latter as he stood near the king; he was nephew to sir Edmund Bury Godfrey, and, being an eminent merchant, is much lamented: this news has abated the actions of the bank 2*l.* per cent.

On Tuesday the parliament meet, and tis said will be further prorogued to the 9th of September next.

There is paid into the exchequer 170,000*l.* upon the reversion of annuities.

The general discourse is about major general Ellenburgh's (a Dane) delivering up Dixmuyde to the French, and that without any opposition, in which were 5 batallions of English and Scotch, and 3 of Danes; whereby their service is lost to us this campagne.

Deal, 24th; this day the Hern arrived in the Downs from the Streights, with advice, that the 12th past he left admiral Russell with the fleet in health not farr from Corsica Isle.

Just now a well boat is come in from the fleet, which was near Dunkirk, but the blustering weather will, it's beleived, bring the lord Berkly in again.

Several of the Cales fleet, richly laden from Leghorn, are worth 50,000*l.* a ship.

Some French privateers have lately taken some Jamaica ships bound for Bristoll.

The king of Denmark has sent an expresse to his majestie in Flanders to excuse his man of war not striking sail.

Wrote from Sueden, that the Dutch ambassador there had concluded a defensive alliance with that king without the French ambassadors knowledge.

The lords justices have this day sent orders to the lord Berkley to assist Newport in case the French should attack it, since they are masters of Dixmuyde.

The lord Capell has named sir Francis Brewster, Mr. Ham-

bleton of Tollymore, Mr. Rogers, and sir (*sic*) Rogerson, commissioners for managing the revenue in Ireland.

The bank have chose sir John Cope to be one of their directors.

At the last assizes held at Kingston upon Thames for the county of Surrey several criminals were tried; eleven received sentence of death, 6 were burnt in the hand, and 1 ordered to be whipt.

Saturday, 27 *July*.—Foreign letters bring, from Venice, that captain general Molino had obtained a great victory over the Turks in the Morea, killing 3,500 on the spot, many taken prisoners, together with their cannon and baggage; the Venetians lost about 500 men; and the captain general, hearing that the Turkish fleet were not farr off, embarqued part of his troops, and sail'd with 20 men of war, 22 galleys and 6 galeasses, and several fireships, to attack them; after the battle was over the Turks caused 50 French deserters, who gave them false information as to the strength of the Venetians, to be cutt in peices.

Yesterday the commission was signed for sir George Rooke's goeing with a squadron of men of war to the Streights.

There are letters from the west, that there are 5 French men of war in the Soundings; and that the marquesse of Nesmond lies with a small squadron in Camaret Bay ready to sail.

Last night the lords of the admiralty received an expresse from the lord Berkly, that he was obliged by contrary winds to return with the whole fleet into the Downs.

This morning they received another expresse from the marquesse of Caermarthen, that he sailed from Kingsale with the Cadiz fleet, but in his voyage, espyeing 18 tall ships, supposing them to be French men of war, he resolved to putt into Milford Haven, and there stay till further orders; and their lordships this afternoon sent him instructions to pursue his voyage, for the fleet he saw were our outward bound West India ships.

Four Dutch frigats are come into Hull, with 3 French prizes of 100 tunns each, goeing to Dunkirk with warlike stores.

As the seamen were exercising on board the Devonshire in Kingsale harbour, by discharging a musquet set fire to the cartridges and powder, which blew up the cabbins &c., and destroyed 40 men.

An East India ship, valued at 100,000*l.*, was attack'd by a French privateer of 36 guns in Bantry Bay, and after several hours dispute, and a 3d boarding, blew up her deck, with 70 French men, and so gott off.

Sir Henry Ingoldsby is made a privy counsellor of Ireland.

The parliament in Ireland will meet there the 27th of September.

Last night a fire hapned in Barnaby Street in Southwark, burning 10 or 12 houses.

This morning captain Butler was found murdered in Red Lyon Feilds.

Cornet Cecill, condemned for murthering his landlord at Rygate, is reprieved.

A baker in the Strand is committed for stealing part of the fringe from the queens mausoleum in Westminster Abbey.

Tuesday, 30 *July*. — Yesterday one Richard Butler, condemned lately at the sessions in the Old Baily for felony and burglary, having been reprieved for some time, was carried in a cart to Newgate, and there executed for the same.

The particulars of the capitulation of the town of Námur are, that the inhabitants shall enjoy their antient priviledges, the garison are allowed two dayes to retire into the castle with their families and effects, the sick and wounded men to be sent to Dinant, and that the prisoners be exchang'd on both sides.

The French demanded to have their horses and equipage to be sent with a convoy to Dinant, and the deserters pardoned, but these articles were rejected.

We have taken possession of the gates of the town, and it's beleived the king will send a detachment of 15 or 20,000 men to reinforce prince Vaudemont.

Dixmuyde was invested the 25th by count Montall, and surrendred the 27th, all conclude by treachery; the garison is made prisoners of war; and major generall Ellenburgh, who commanded there, is gone for Paris, but several officers and soldiers made their escape to Ghent.

Deynse is also given up upon no better term by collonel Ofarrell, an Irish man, who commanded there with 1000 men.

The French are sending 10,000 men from the Rhine to Flanders; and the landgrave of Hesse, with his forces, and the Lunenburghers, are coming thence to join his majesties army.

Part of the outworks of Cazall are already demolished; there was found therein 150 cannon, 10 mortars, 25,000 barrells of powder, 60,000 cannon bullets, 5000 muskets, 80,000 weight of lead, 17000 bombs, and great quantities of other warlike ammunition, besides much provision of corn, &c.

The pope has nominated 3 nuncios to the courts of the emperor, Spain, and France, to sollicit a general peace.

This day the parliament mett, and were by commission prorogued to the 17th of September next.

The lord Berkley is again putt to sea with the fleet, and designs during the light nights and spring tides to make a further attempt on the French coast.

Admiral Hobson is preparing to goe with sir George Rook to the Streights.

This afternoon dyed sir Edward Sutton, gentleman usher of the privy chamber, aged near 100 years old.

It is said that Ellenburgh had 30,000 crowns for delivering up Dixmuyde, and that it will cost 3000*l.* to redeem the soldiers, besides the losse of their arms and clothes.

Thursday, 1 *Aug.*—Sir Richard Atkins, about 3 dayes since, fought the lord James Howard, brother to the duke of Norfolk, upon the same account that he cained Mr. Medlicot; and after some few passes, his lordship having the advantage, they friendly drank a glasse of wine together, my lord denyeing the accusation laid to his charge.

The lord Bellew of Ireland is married to the widdow of the late lord Newburgh.

The lord Lucas has gott 400*l.* per ann. by the death of sir Edward Sutton; whose place of gentleman usher and daily wayter, worth 400*l.* per ann., is given by my lord chamberlain to Mr. James Compton, son to sir Francis.

This morning dyed the countesse of Ranelagh at Chelsey Colledge, to the great regrett of the poor.

The lords of the admiralty have appointed admiral Hobson to convoy the Cales fleet &c. from Milford Haven, in the room of the marquesse of Caermarthen, whom they have sent for up on the complaint of several merchants for convoying them thither.

To morrow admiral Rooke goes for Portsmouth in order for the Streights.

Mr. Hutchinson, sollicitor of the customes, a place of near 1000*l.* per ann., dyed suddainly.

A grant is passed the seals to the lord Coningsby for some lands in Wales after queen dowagers death.

Duke Schonberg on Monday begins his journey to take a view of the forces in their several quarters in England.

There are no draughts to be made for Flanders out of the forces here, as was said.

Several of the officers belonging to Dixmuyde are come to the king of those that escaped; are putt under arrest till the surrender be enquired into (*sic*).

The magistrates of Ghent have published an edict to seize the effects there of major general Ellengburgh and collonel Ofarrell, pursuant to which 30,000 crowns value belonging to the former were seised, most of whose regiments are gone into the French service.

Saturday, 3 *Aug.*—Yesterday's letters from Portsmouth advise, that the Litchfeild frigat had brought in there a French caper of 10 guns, called the Postillion of St. Malloes.

From Milford Haven, that the marquesse of Caermarthen sent out a brigandine with 50 men, and took a small French privateer on the Welsh coast.

From Dover, that several vessels were come in with advice, that they heard great shooting towards Dunkirk, where 'tis beleived the lord Berkley is, and the rather because an expresse came that his lordship was sailed from Gravelin, and had taken a French vessel with a packet of letters goeing to the governor of Dunkirk.

A vessel is sailed with 12 peices of cannon for Flanders.

On Thursday last 15 charging horses embarqued at Deptford for his majesties use.

The commission of the peace for the county of Surrey is alter'd, and several left out upon complaints against them, as justice Evans.

This week the Middlesex justices mett in St. Martins vestry, where a great many arms were brought to them, seized in disaffected persons houses, together with a list of all the horses that stand in every stable.

The customes of the Virginia fleet now come in, tis said, will amount to above 400,000*l.*

An account is come to Whilehal, that marquesse de Nesmond is putt to sea with his squadron of 6 men of war and 2 fireships, and some tenders built galley fashion, which shews he designs for a West India expedition; supposed for Panama, from whence the Spaniards have their silver.

Cornet Cecill, condemned for killing his landlord at Ryegate, is ordered to be executed.

Captain Vaughan, with 22 French and Irish seamen, taken on board a French privateer, have been examined, and committed to the Marshalsea; it appears they had taken a twelve oar barge from the lord Berkley, and were coming up the river to surprize some ship.

This afternoon came in a Dutch mail, with letters from his majesties camp of the 8th, which say, his majestie had changed his quarters, and come to Malogne, between the Sambre and the Meuse, where the elector of Bavaria had his quarters before; that he had detached 30 batallions under count Nassau and major general Ramsey; as also 40 squadrons of horse, under the marquesse de La Forest, to join prince Vaudemont, who was come to Anderleck to observe Villeroy, who 'twas thought has an eye upon Brussells.

The garison at Namur on Saturday retired into the castle, and consists of about 7000 men: tis said the private soldiers went in with great unwillingnesse, many of them hideing themselves, have since surrendred themselves as deserters, about 500: we are preparing to attack the castle with 100 battering guns and 50 small ones, and 80 mortars.

Prince Charles of Brandenburgh is dead of a feavour in Savoy.

Tuesday, 6 Aug.—Yesterdayes letters from Ireland advise, that the Henry, which came from the East Indies, and blew up the French that boarded her, afterwards bulg'd upon a rock, and lost all her cargo, which is 20,000*l.* losse to the king in his customes, and above 100,000*l.* to the owners; and that the Edward, another rich ship from India, was arrived in Bantry Bay.

They are very buisy in that kingdom in chusing members to serve in parliament there, which are to meet the 27th instant at Dublyn.

The lords of the treasury have made out their order for a

million of money for payment of shipping, stores, and victualling.

Admiral Hobson last night received his new commission from the lords of the admiralty.

Yesterday captain Salisbury, in the custody of a messenger for the Drury Lane ryot, made his escape.

This day engineer Meesters, being returned from the fleet before Dunkirk, appeared before the lords justices to give an account of that expedition; the lord Berkley is before Calais in order to bombard it, where we hope for better successe then at Dunkirk.

All the store ships and victuallers, with a draught of ship carpenters, are ordered immediately for Portsmouth to goe with sir George Rook for the Streights.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that 2 regiments of foot are to embark for Flanders; and that satisfaction will be made to the Glenco men for their losses.

Two troops of the earl of Oxford's regiment are ordered to attend the prince and princesse during their stay at Windsor.

Falmouth, 1st; the Spanish Alliance pacquet boat is come in from the Groyn, and the letters from Cadiz of the 20th advise, that 2 Dutch capers, which took two Dutch ships from Smyrna, were attacqued by our late Diamond frigat and another small caper, upon which the Dutch lett goe the prizes, and fought the French several hours, till both had their main masts brought by the board, and many men killed; so they parted; the French went to Faro, and the Dutch to Lisbon, and recovered their two prizes.

On the 19th the New Spain fleet sailed for the West Indies.

Yesterday's foreign post is wanting.

Thursday, 8 *Aug.*—Yesterday came in an expresse from the lord Berkley, with an account, that the wind had been so tempestuous, and the spring tides had so fallen off, that he had not been able to doe any thing upon Callice; so returned with the whole fleet into the Downs.

His lordship is preparing for some further expedition; and I am told has sent up an account of the whole proceedings against Dunkirk, wherein he blames Mr. Meesters, the Dutch engineer.

The lords justices have had before them the consideration of the price of guineas, upon great complaints from the collectors of the kings tax, that they had been obliged to receive great quantities of them at 30*s.*, and the exchequer refused to take them again at the same rate, prayeing their excellencies direction in the point: this day they mett upon the same affair in council, and heard several merchants relating to the payeing their customes in guineas, but there being none of the lords of the treasury in council the matter is referred to them, who sitt on Wensday next.

Mr. Culliford, member of parliament, and Mr. Metcalfe, clerk to the late Mr. Hutchinson, with several others, putt in for the place of sollicitor of the customes, but the lords of the treasury have left it to his majestie.

Several persons, with diving engines, are gone for Ireland to endeavour to recover the lost goods of the Henry from the East Indies; they are to have for their pains a 4th part of what they gett up.

The messenger of the presse has seised a private presse for printing in custody of one Edwards, and with it many scurrilous pamphlets.

This day the duke of Leeds went to Windsor to give a visit to the prince and princesse.

Admiral Hobson is gone down to command the fleet at Milford Haven.

Two foreign posts will be due to morrow.

Saturday, 10 *Aug.*—An expresse coming lately from the king to be sent into Scotland upon matters of importance, and being forwarded thither, the post boy who had it in charge lost it before he came to Ware; upon which the lords justices sent for the postmasters, and questioned them upon it; and the postboy tax'd the ostler and tapster of an inn at Waltham; and they being fetch'd up in custody of a messenger, but upon examination nothing in the least could be fixed upon them, so they were discharged, but the expresse is not found.

Sir George Rook return'd on Thursday from Portsmouth, and attended the lords justices yesterday, giving them an account what condition he found the ships in that are to goe with him to the Streights; and in a day or two goes down to the Buoy in the Nore to expedite some other shipping, as also the

victuallers and storeships which carry provisions with them for the grand fleet to the last of December.

The Shrewsbury, Cambridge, and Yarmouth, which are under the lord Berkley, are likewise ordered to goe with them.

The lord Berkley has sent a letter to the lords justices complaining of engineer Meesters, that he had not his machine ships in a readinesse when they had a fair opportunity of wind and weather to attack the forts at Dunkirk; and that he had trifled all the time, and put the government to great expence, only to enrich himself, when the whole matter was impracticable.

Their excellencies have sent an expresse to the lord Berkley to putt again to sea the first opportunity, and to bombard Calais.

The Turky merchants, upon their petition to the lords of the admiralty, have obtained four men of war to cruize in the Channel till their fleet arrives.

The prince of Denmark has been ill, but is recovered again.

Our Cadiz fleet are still at Milford Haven, wind bound; but the Dutch would not putt in there, but saild immediately for Holland, to forestall the market.

Yesterday Mr. Godfrey, deputy governor of the bank, was nobly buried from Mercers chappel at St. Swithins church.

We want two foreign posts.

Tuesday, 13 *Aug.*—Yesterday we had an Irish mail of the 5th, which says, that many of the elections are over; but the poll for Dublin citty is adjourned to the 20th; and that county have chose Mr. Molsworth and colonel Dean.

Our East India company have received advice that 7 of their ships were safely arrived there, and almost ready to come back.

The letters from Jersey bring, that the privateers of that island have taken 4 French ships bound for Newfoundland.

The Bonadventure frigat has taken and brought to Yarmouth a French privateer of 8 guns, on board of which were 6 English masters of ships, detained for their ransomes.

Deal, 12 August; the lord Berkly still continues in the Downs; and this morning came in here his majesties ship the Mermaid, bringing with him a Suedish man of war and 4

merchant ships, laden with contraband goods for France, which he took after an obstinate fight, the Swede refusing to strike sail.

Three rich ships are arrived at Leverpool from the West Indies.

A French privateer is stranded on the Cornish coast.

Last night the lords justices satt, and had before them the lords of the admiralty.

Sir George Rook is gone to the Buoy in the Nore.

Yesterday one Edward Bish, in the earl of Oxfords regiment, rode thro the citty with sword and pistol in hand, sayeing, king William was dead, and he would kill any should deny it; but the mobb soon brought him down, and being carried before the lord mayor, he was committed to Newgate.

We have no foreign news, 3 mails being wanting; tis beleived they are taken by the French privateers.

Thursday, 15 *Aug.*—Yesterday came in the 3 foreign posts, thought to be lost; the most material passages, besides what in the Gazet, are, that the French have formed some sea project for all their men of war at Thoulon, and their galleys at Marseilles are fitting; they say the former will compose 60 ships in the line of battle; and pretend to bombard Final, beseige Barcelona, or fight the confederate fleet, beleiving they are so foul they shall be able to deal with them.

The Paris Gazet sayes, 6 of the greatest ships of admiral Russells fleet were cast away in a storm, and divers others much damaged, and the rest separated; but we give no credit to it.

Five or 6 principal persons are seised at Brussells for corresponding with Villeroy, who were to have sett the town on fire in several places, and lett in the French, but the coming thither of the elector of Bavaria prevented that design; and tis wrote, that had that citty sent out 2000 pioneers to cast up the trenches on Anderleck side, as the prince of Vaudemont advised, it would have prevented the damage done theretoo; and had his highnesse hindred the town from being bombarded, Villeroy would have gott a dayes march of him, and in probability have raised the seige of Namur.

Dr. Barebones and Mr. Brisco's land banks goe on very successfully, as does the orphans bank; to which last the lord

Godolphin has removed his effects out of the bank of England, which has raised the orphans bank 10*l.* per cent.

This week Mr. Charles Duncomb sold all his effects in the bank of England, being 80,000*l.*

This day the council considered further the matter about guineas, and have ordered the judges to give their opinions how farr the lords justices can by law settle a value thereon.

The merchants ships designed for the Streights are ordered to be ready in 10 dayes to goe with sir George Rook.

Mr. Bridges, nephew to sir William Trumball, has the place of sollicitor of the customes in the room of Mr. Hutchinson, deceased.

Saturday, 17 *Aug.*—Yesterday was published a proclamation by the lords justices for apprehending and securing the person of John Robart, promising the reward of 200*l.* for it.

The lords justices, since they had an account of the bombarding of Brussels, have sent instructions to the lord Berkley to begin the same at Calais, and to proceed along the French coast, bombarding all the towns and villages he can reach; and the letters this day from the Downs advise, that his lordship was sailed with all the fleet, bomb ketches, well boats, &c; and that the Cadiz fleet were arrived in the Bombs (*sic*) from Milford Haven.

The bank of England having discovered one of their bills to be forged, traced the matter so diligently as to find out the author, who is a japanner, and committed him to Newgate; since which he hath discovered several of his accomplices, who are fled; and owns there were 60 bills of 100*l.* each counterfeited, and so artfully done, that they were scarce to be distinguished.

The earl of Bath, ranger of St. James Park, has, by order from his majestie, caused Mr. Storyes door into the said park to be stopped, for suffering the Jacobites to revell in his house.

Mr. Pontack, who keeps the great eating house in Abchurch Lane, London, has been examined before the lord mayor for being author of the late report, that the king was missing, and gave bail to answer the same.

Two fourth rates of 60 guns each were this week launched at Blackwall.

The lords of the admiralty have received letters from admiral

Russel, from the coast of Catalonia, intimating he had wholly repaired the damage he sustained in the late storms, which drove him to the island of Sardinia, loosing only a small tender; and that he designed to make an attempt upon Thoulon or Marseilles.

Lunt, Wilson, and Wombell, the Lancashire evidences, are found guilty of perjury at the assizes there.

The lords of the treasury have setled the manner of collecting the tax upon glasse, &c.; that there shal be one cheif commissioner, and 4 surveyors, besides under officers.

We want a foreign post.

Tuesday, 20 *Aug.*—Edingburgh, 13th; yesterday the lords of the justiciary gave sentence against the laird of Newton for lending his sword to kill the master of Rollo, viz. that he depart the kingdom before the 1 of November next, and give security of 1000 marks not to be seen in that kingdom any more; which he did, and is preparing for his banishment.

Captain Vaughan, lately taken in a French privateer, and was speedily to be tryed by a special commission for fighting against the kings flagg, being a subject, has made his escape from the Marshalsea, as also another hath from the Savoy; and the turnkeys who had them in custody are committed to the Gatehouse.

The council satt this morning, and received several of the judges opinions as to setling a price upon guineas; they gave no direct judgment in the case, but that the king might order the taking them in the exchequer at what rate he pleases.

Yesterday morning came an expresse from the lord Berkley, with advice, that on Saturday morning collonel Richards began to bombard Calais with good successe, and by one of the clock the town was seen on fire in several places; the enemies half gallies appeared against our bomb ships, but captain Greenaway, with some frigats, forced them to retire in confusion; that their cannon plaid all the time, and our bombs till 5 at night, and shott in about 600 shells, and have, as they could judge, laid the greatest part of the town in ashes: we received little damage, onely captain Alborough of the Alborough ketch was killed by the bursting of a mortar.

After this some bomb ships were detached to burn a little town within 2 or 3 leagues of that place.

Yesterday came in a Dutch post with letters from the camp before Namur of Thursday last, which say, our batteries continue to play upon the castle and Cohorn fort with good successe, and hope in 2 or 3 dayes the breaches will be ready for a general assault.

The enemy took a review of their troops at Soignies the Monday before, and are now encampt near Seneffe.

The forces of Lunenburgh and Hesse are come up to us; the foot, which are about 7000, have taken their post in order to assist at the seige; and the horse and dragoons, making 22 squadrons, have joined the army under prince Vaudemont at Mazy.

Thursday, 22 *Aug.*—On Tuesday night last a French shallop came into Little Hampton haven, 3 miles from Arundel in Sussex, and thought to have carryed off some vessels thence, but there being two great guns, they charged them with pibbles instead of bullets, and with their fireing frighted them away; next morning 3 or 4 appeared, but upon our dragoons comeing down they stood off to sea, and sayled eastward, and happily fell in with two of our men of war, which took them.

The lord Berkley being come to town this morning, gave the lords justices an account of his several expeditions; and is ordered to putt to sea again in a week, in which time the bomb vessels are to be refitted with mortars, &c.

Sir George Rook is again gone to Portsmouth to command the fleet for the Streights, and carries with him a considerable remittance of money to pay the fleet.

His commission this day passed the seals with as ample power as admiral Russel hath.

A commission is also passing for constituting Mr. Wharton, a goldsmith, to be receiver general for the hackny coaches.

The council mett this morning, before whom were brought some officers of collonel Lees dragoons, for insulting some magistrates at Arundel; the result not known.

To morrow the lords justices goe down to Long Reach to view the machine ships, and to see the performance of some of them.

The lords justices, considering the unseasonablenesse of the weather, have for the present prohibited the exportation of corn, least it should be wanted here.

By a ship from Guinea we have an account that two kings in Africa fought a terrible battle, and the prince who favoured the Dutch factory was entirely routed; whereupon the conqueror, thinking the Dutch to be the incendiaries, took two forts from them on that coast, and is attacking the 3d; upon which the Dutch have sent to the English factory to intercede on their behalf.

Saturday, 24 *Aug.*—Falmouth, 19th; two men of war and a fireship are sailed hence to reinforce the squadron under captain Cole, who is cruiseing in the mouth of the Channel in expectation of our Turky fleet.

The Spanish pacquet boat is come from the Groyn; the captain sayes, that on the 15th, in the latitude of 47, he saw to the leeward 6 tall ships, whom he supposed to be English men of war; afterward he saw 6 others to the windward, one whereof, of 30 guns, chased him: he adds, that admiral Russel, haveing convoy'd our Turky fleet to Barcelona the 31st ult., return'd to the coast of Provence to see what men of war the French are fitting out at Thoulon and Marseilles.

Deal, 22d; sir Clowdesly Shovell rides admiral of the fleet in the Downs on board the Northumberland man of warr.

Yesterday the lord Berkly went to Windsor to visit the prince and princesse of Denmark.

The Turky merchants have obtained leave of the admiralty for 8 men of war more to sail and meet their fleet.

Yesterday we had a Spanish post from the Groyn, with advice, that are [our] cruizers in the Streights have lately taken 3 French ships, very rich, as also a pacquet boat goeing with letters to Tourville; that 4 English East India ships are at the Canaries; that the 4000 men from Flanders are sailed from Cadiz to Catalonia; that a sally man of war of 26 guns was cast away off Tangier; and that the Algerines had promised to march against the Moors with a great army to raise the siege of Ceuta, in consideration whereof the king of Spain has promised them the free use of two of his ports.

Wrote from Weymouth, that a French caper has lately taken a ship of Topsham; and that this week, near Portland, two young whales were taken by the country people, each 24 foot long.

Yesterday 71 cannon and 8 mortars were tryed before the

lord keeper, master of the ordnance, and several other persons of quality, and approved of.

Thursday a gentleman was sent post to Ireland with new instructions for the parliament there.

On Thursday the lords justices ordered the lord mayor and aldermen of London, with the justices of Westminster, to attend them about the price of coales and wood.

The Moors surpriz'd the Spaniards at Ceuta, and cutt off 400, but were repuls'd with the losse of 1000 slain.

We want a Dutch post.

Tuesday, 27 Aug.—Saturday the commissioners of the excise attended the lords of the treasury upon a complaint of some of the principal officers; several of whom were displaced, and others resigned; but the further hearing is putt off till all the lords of the treasury be in town.

Colonel Hewetson, commander of the ship Lyon, for his good services in the West Indies, is recommended by the lords justices to the admiralty for a considerable command in his majesties fleet.

This days letters from Dublin of the 21st say, that Mr. Sedgwick, one of the commissioners of the revenue in that kingdom, dyed suddenly there; and that sir John Rogerson, late lord mayor, and Mr. recorder Hancock, were chose members of parliament for Dublin; which parliament was to meet as this day.

The latter end of this week sailing orders will be sent to sir George Rooke at Portsmouth.

Deal, Aug. 25; the Charles galley, Alborough ketch, Prince of Orange, Row ketch, Discovery and Shark brigantines, are sailed hence to cruize on the French coast.

Seven deserters of collonel Colts regiment, being brought from Bristol hither, are to be tryed to morrow morning by a court martial.

Yesterdays letters from Plymouth say, that the rest of the Virginia fleet, being 24 sail, were safely arrived there; and we are told, the commissioners of the customes have acquainted the Virginia merchants that they shal have 2 months time to pay their customes in silver rather then take their guineas at 30*s*.

We have now about 1000 French seamen in several ports,

being about two thirds more then they have of ours; upon which we have peremptorily demanded Mr. Cox, our late envoy in Switzerland, and others they detain in France, and will not return a man, unlesse they send over the said gentleman pursuant to the cartell.

We hourly expect to hear the event of the two armies in Flanders, being so near each other that they cannot well part without a battel.

Here is a report in town, that the castle of Namur was taken by storm on Thursday night, but we give little credit to it.

Thursday, 29 *Aug.*—This morning Mr. Fry the messenger arrived at Whitehal with an expresse from the king, with the good news of the surrender of the castle of Namur, and gives these following particulars: that on Tuesday was 7night the king ordered an attack of 3000 fusileers to be made upon the outworks of the castle and fort, commanded by the lord Cuts, which was very obstinate and bloody; the enemy, besides all their fireing, rowled down great stones from the precipice upon our men; but at length we gained the said works, and had near 1000 of our men killed and wounded therein, besides which the elector of Bavarias guards suffer'd extreamly: colonel Courthope is the onely man of note killed of the English: the attack did so facilitate the intended general storm the Thursday following, that the garison perceiving our men approaching to the assault, hung out a white flag to capitulate, which they would have done only for the Cohorn fort; but the elector of Bavaria refused to doe it unlesse for the whole: they made some hesitation therein, but at last agreed to our demands; and hostages being given on both sides, they were to march out the Monday following with 8 peices of cannon, 3 covered waggons, and their arms, and to be conducted to Dinant, leaving behind them 109 cannon: Boufflers is not killed, as said.

Villeroy endeavoured to attempt it's releif, which kept our forces at their arms 4 dayes together, but at last abandoned their designs, goeing towards their lines.

The lords of the admiralty have received a letter from Mr. Blathwayt, secretary of war in Flanders, that a printed paper in high Dutch was come to his hands, giveing an account

that admiral Russell came to Marseilles about the 8th or 10th of this month, and bombarded the town with so good successe, as to lay great part of it in ashes; and took the forts at the entrance of the harbour, with 14 gallyes, and burnt several others, with a man of war.

The lord mayor and aldermen of London attended the council this day about setting a price on coals, candles, &c.; as to the former, they desire to have the full quantity first come in; and for the latter, prayed, if possible, that tallow might be only imported hither from Ireland.

Some French privateers fell in with our homeward bound Barbadoes fleet, consisting of 12 sail; tis feared they have taken several of them, but 4 being yet come in.

Saturday, 31 *Aug.*—This day was published a proclamation for a publick thanksgiving by the lords justices for the successe in taking the town and castle of Namur, to be observed on Sunday the 8th of September here in London and the weekly bills of mortality, and on Sunday the 22d of September in all other places.

Captain Bembo goes to sea with sir Clowdesly Shovell forthwith, to bombard some other towns on the French coast.

Sir Gilbert Talbot, master of the jewel house, aged 90, being dead, is succeeded by sir Francis Lawley.

Letters from Falmouth say, that the Lyon and Eagle, two ships from Barbadoes, putt in there, the latter much shatter'd, and the master wounded, having twice repulsed two French privateers; the master sayes, that he came the 3d of July from that island in company of 23 others, 11 of which bound up the Channel, were on the 23d instant, off Scilly, attackt by two privateers of 16 and 20 guns, and, after a hott dispute, they took the Avarilla of 28 guns, being their comodore: tis feared they have also taken 4 others which are missing.

Collonel Lilliston, and the forces which went hence in captain Wilmots squadron, are safely arrived at Jamaica.

The actions of the bank of England are advanced to 98, and the East India company to 90.

105 persons are upon the calendar to be tryed at the sessions now in the Old Baily, most for clipping and coyning.

Sir Thomas Cook, prisoner in the Tower, has sent to the commissioners of the publick accounts, offering to lay before

them how the money belonging to the East India company was disposed of; and the commissioners debating the same, carryed it by one not to take his examination.

Two foreign mails are wanting, so we have no confirmation of admiral Russel's bombarding Marseilles.

Tuesday, 3 *Sept.*—Wrote from Edinburgh, that the countesse of Seaforth, who, with some of her servants and two porters, being committed prisoners to the castle, was examined by the lords of the council touching her husbands escape, which she said she knew nothing of; and that the farmers of the old poll tax being call'd to give account of the money they received upon oath, and not doeing it satisfactorily, sir John Cockram, sir George Hamilton, sir James Oswald, and sir Charles Murray, were all committed.

One regiment of horse and 2 of foot are ordered to be shipt forthwith for Flanders.

This day the royal fishery corporation layd open their books for subscriptions.

Bills of high treason are found at the sessions against 23 persons, most Romanists, who have absented the kingdom, as sir Edward Hales, earles of Castlemain and Middleton, &c., who, if they doe not appear, will be proceeded against by way of outlawry, in order to extend their estates.

This day the East India company had the advice, that their ship, the Hawk, of 250 tunns, was arrived in the Downs, and is the more welcome because she has been so long missing as to be given over for lost: she came last from Barbadoes in company of the Averilla, a ship from Guinea, who, being seperated, was taken by the French, and said to be worth 25,000*l.*

Complaint being made to the committee of foreign plantations against collonel Fletcher, governor of New York, 'tis said the council will annex that government to that of New England, and that the lord Bellamount goes governor of both.

Fifty tunns of bomb shells are contracted for by the board of ordnance.

The king's apartment in Kensington will be fully compleat in 30 working dayes.

We want 3 foreign mails.

Thursday, 5 *Sept.*—The auctions of the East India company upon the arrival of the Hawke are advanced to 94.

The bank of England held a general court on Tuesday, and chose sir William Scawen their deputy governor in room of Mr. Michael Godfrey.

This evening the sessions ended at the Old Baily, where 17 received sentence of death; several were convicted of clippings found in their custody, but execution deferred till the judges opinion be known therein.

Bish the trooper, who rode thro' the citty sayeing king William was dead, is fined 100 mark, and to stand 3 times in the pillory.

Some found guilty of comeing from France without passes are condemned to a years imprisonment; and bills are found against several coffee houses for taking Dyers letters.

The lords of the treasury have constituted Mr. Bowles, Dalby Thomas, esq., and Mr. Whitfeild, commissioners for putting in execution the act for layeing a duty upon glasse; and captain Leneve of the custome house and Mr. Stradling are made riding surveyors.

The board of ordnance have agreed for 100 tonn of iron balls, and given orders for 1500 carcasses, with great number of arrowes, which are to be shott out of mortars, to annoy foot as well as horse.

This day came in 3 foreign mails, which say, the garison of Namur marched out the 5th, consisting of 5000, which at the beginning of the seige were said to be 14,000; but when Boufflers advanced to the last intrenchment, 3 batallions came in front towards him, the earl of Portland and monsieur Dickvelt at the head of them, who told him they were ordered to arrest him by the king of England, until his master had made satisfaction for detaining the garison of Deynse and Dixmude, contrary to the cartell; but if he would give security they should be exchanged, he should be sett at liberty; which putt him into a passion, sayeing he could not doe it; whereupon he was sent prisoner to Maestricht: there was found in the garison vast quantity of armes, &c., and provisions for 4 months: the intendant of the castle was also seized till he had made satisfaction for great stores of provisions he threw into the Sambre after the capitulation.

His majesties army is at Sombriefe, on their march towards Flanders, and the French army about Mons.

Admiral Russel has not bombarded Marseilles, as was said; but appeared on 29th in sight of Thouloun, which much alarmed them.

The duke of Saxony has defeated 4000 Turkish horse, and took the bassa that commanded, and sent him to Vienna.

Saturday, 7 Sept.—To morrow, being the thanksgiving day, the lords justices are invited to supper by the earl of Romney, master of the ordnance, at his house in St. James Square; and to divert them, his lordship has ordered the engineers to make a fine machine and fireworks, which are to play during supper, the figures representing Namur Castle storm'd and taken.

A train of artillery is drawn up in St. James Park, which is also to be discharged at same time.

From Yarmouth, that about 100 sail of light colliers received much damage in the great storm on Monday night, many of them being cast away.

From Deal and Harwich tis wrote, several ships were drove away from their anchors.

Plymouth letters advise, that captain Mymms of the Lenox being sick ashore, the lords of the admiralty had removed captain Gey from the Crown to the Lennox; captain Wade of the Hawk fireship to the Crown; the captain of the Germoon to that of the Hawk; and lieutenant Hobson of the Lennox is made captain of the Germoon.

They add, that a Dutch privateer had retaken a ship from Barbadoes of 26 guns, suppos'd to be the Avarilla.

Wrote from Bristol, that a Jamaica ship was arrived there, which sayes, we are in full possession of that part of Hispaniola which belong'd to the French; and that our ships had taken 3 very rich prizes, one of them from Guinea, full of negroes.

The lords of the admiralty had last night an account that captain Jumper had taken a French caper of above 30 gunns on the Irish coast, and with it a rich prize, but those on board the latter pretend to belong to St. Sebastians in Spain.

A squadron of ships is ordered to goe to convoy the king home, who is expected here about Michaelmas.

Villeroy's army when they decamped did it in such hast towards their lines that they left a great many foragers behind them, and near 4000 men deserted.

Yesterdays foreign mail is wanting.

Tis generally said the parliament will be dissolv'd, altho nothing publickly resolv'd.

Tuesday, 10 *Sept.*—The sessions at the Old Baily for London and Middlesex began the 28th of last month, and held the 29th, 30, 31, and 3d, 4, and 5th of this month, where a great number of criminals were tried; 16 received sentence of death, 17 were burnt in the hand, and 7 to be whipt, and 3 fined; amongst them there were 50 or 60 clippers tryed.

The lords justices have signed an order for collonel Norcots regiment to goe on board sir George Rooke's squadron to reinforce brigadeer Stuart, who commands the land forces under admiral Rnssel.

On Sunday the thanksgiving was observed here; but the fireworks were putt off till last night, when they were performed by engineer Richards in St. James Square to admiration of the spectators; and a great many bonefires throughout the citty.

Scotch letters say that the earl of Seaforth is taken near Aberdeen.

Yesterday we had a mayle from the Groyne, which sayes, the Turky fleet arrived the 10th of last month at Cadiz; that admiral Russel had thrown 120 bombs into Palamos, whilst the Spaniards beseig'd it by land, and are like to become masters of it; and that the admiral was goeing with the fleet towards Marseilles and Thoulon.

This day came in 2 Dutch posts, with advice, that his majestie had left the army to the elector of Bavaria, encamped near Hall, haveing first took a view of them; that he arrived the 15th at Breda, and was expected at the Hague in 10 dayes to regulate the state of the war there for the next year.

In the congresse held at the Hague the alliance against France, almost expired, was renewed for 3 years longer; and all things are disposed for carrying on the war, unlesse the French submit to reason.

An order is come from the French king to the mareschal de Villeroy to deliver the garison of Dixmuyde and Deynse to the elector of Bavaria; upon which monsieur Boufflers is sett at liberty, and gone for France, whereof he is made a duke and peere.

That king, to reward the count de Guiscard for his service during the seige of Namur, continues him the same salary he had for that government, with 12,000 livres yearly during his life.

The same letters bring the unwelcome news, that the marquesse de Nesmond, with 6 French men of war and two fireships, had taken and brought into Brest two rich English East India ships, the Princesse Ann and the Seymor, said to be worth 400,000*l.*, as also two ships from Barbadoes with sugars, &c.

To morrow the yatchs goe hence for the king.

Tis said the elector of Brandenburgh and other princes will come and conferr with him at the Hague before he embarques.

Thursday, 12 *Sept.*—The parliament, which are to meet on Tuesday next, will be further prorogued for some few dayes, and upon his majesties arrival dissolved, and a new one to sitt in November, in order to which writs are preparing to be issued out upon his landing here.

A large chamber is building near the house of lords for the use of the lords spiritual when they withdraw.

This day the lord Berkley and sir Clowdesly Shovel attended the lords justices, as did the captain of the kings yatch, and received orders to goe for his majestie, part of the earl of Oxfords regiment being drawn out to lye on the road to conduct him to town.

Tuesday two highway men were taken, one at Hackny, the other at Low Layton, and committed to Newgate and Chelmsford goales; they, with others, robbed that day at noon several persons upon the Ware and Epping roades.

Sir John Jacobs regiment of foot is ordered from Leicester to Berwick and Hull; and the duke of Boltons regiment is to march and winter at York.

The Berwick, a third rate man of war, is added to sir George Rookes squadron, so that he will have 12 English and 15 Dutch with him to the Streights, part of which, tis said, are to meet and convoy the homeward bound Turky fleet.

Monday next two fourth rate men of war will be launched at Blackwall; and I am told the admiralty have ordered 5 new third rates of 80 guns each to be built.

The East India companies actions, upon losse of their two

ships, are fallen from 94 to 74. Sir Thomas Vernon, who had a great share therein, sold his at 94 three dayes before the news came in.

A new patent is passing the seales for Greenwich Hospital, there being a great many more commissioners added; they are to lay before his majestie a modell of the structure for his approbation.

The commons of Ireland having [have] presented Mr. Rochfort as their speaker to the lord deputy, which he in a learned speech would have excused, but his lordship approving their choice, commanded him to serve, which he approved of.

Saturday, 14 *Sept.*—Letters from Ireland advise, that the parliament there have resolved to supply his majestie, and stand by him against his enemies; and that the lord deputy and council have sent to our lords justices several bills to be approved of before they passe into acts: viz. one for better observing the Lords day: one for taking special bail; to enable the duke of Ormond to sell lands to pay debts; to confirm his majesties grants to the earls of Athlone and Romney, Mrs. Villiers, &c.: and the royal assent is already given to the following bills; viz. for an additional excise on beer, ale, &c.; for restraining foreign education; for taking away the writ de heretico comburendo; for declaring all attainders and all other acts in the late pretended parliament void; for disarming papists; and for better securing intestates estates.

Sir Clowdesly Shovel is now appointed to convoy the king from Holland; and the captains of the yatches are ordered not to bring any guineas from thence.

We hear the lords have ordered a squadron to meet and convoy three East India ships which are daily expected.

Sir George Rook is upon sailing with a great fleet of merchant ships for Cales.

This day came in a Dutch post, which sayes, the armies in Flanders continue in their eamps as before; and that the king came to Loo the 9th instant, after having hunted down a stagg at Dieren.

That we have found divers cannon, ammunition, &c., which the French had buried under ground at Namur; and discovered several mines, with lighted matches.

That some of our forces that went into the county of Lux-

emburgh to raise contributions are returned with diverse hostages for payment thereof.

The alliance of the confederates lately agreed upon at the Hague for 3 years is sent to the several courts to be ratifyed.

Tuesday, 17 *Sept.*—Sir George Rook's goeing for the Streights is at present deferr'd; and he is come to town from Portsmouth, and was this day with the lords of the admiralty.

Admiral Hobson is goeing out with part of the fleet to cruize before Brest.

Captain Bembo is also ready to sail with some men of war and 4 bomb galliots upon some enterprize.

Yesterday sir Clowdesly Shovell went down to Margate in order to goe on board the ships appointed to convoy the king home.

The lords justices are now examining the miscarriage before Dunkirk, and resolve to make a strict enquiry into that matter.

The parliament of Ireland have voted 163,325*l.* for a supply to his majestie, and appointed a day to consider of the wayes and means for raising the same; as also a day to consider the state of the nation.

One Ilmington is taken into custody of a messenger for high treason.

Wrote from Deal, that admiral Allemond with the Dutch fleet is gone home.

Engineer Richards has orders to provide fireworks against his majesties coming.

This day the parliament mett, and were further prorogued by commission to the 8th of October, before which 'tis expected they will be dissolved.

This day the livery men mett at Guildhall to chuse a sherif in place of Mr. Lethulier, who fined.

The common hall adhered to the first choice of sir Leonard Robinson and Mr. Webster, but the court of aldermen caused several to be putt up; and of the few hands that were held up, the majority fell on Mr. Owen Buckingham; but a poll being demanded for sir William Gore, was granted, and is not yet over.

Yesterday came in a Dutch mail, which sayes, about 600 of the garisons of Dixmuyde and Deynse are come to Ghent.

That the repairing the fortifications at Namur is carryed on

by the Dutch, who are to pay themselves out of the contributions raised in the French territories.

That count Teckeley and his lady are seized by the Turks, and sent to Constantinople.

From Venice they had news by a ship from Zant, that their fleet had, near Scio, given the Turkish fleet a great defeat, sinking and taking great part of them; but it will need a confirmation.

Thursday, 19 *Sept.* — Yesterday three men, lately condemned at the sessions, were executed at Tyburn for felony and robbery.

One Edwards, condemned for clipping, petitioned the lords justices, that if he might be pardoned he would make a large discovery of clippers and coyners; who ordered him to be examined by the recorder, and not performing what was expected, is ordered to be executed on Wensday next.

This day Mr. Wills gave bond to hold sherif of London and Middlesex for the year ensueing; but the polling between Mr. Buckingham and sir William Gore for other sherif is not over.

This afternoon the lord Berkley and Mr. Meesters the Dutch engineer attended the lords justices in council, and delivered them their papers relating to the bombarding of Dunkirk, and were severally heard upon it, with witnesses on each side, but nothing determined therein.

Their lordships examined the mayor of Chichester about suffering a person to escape who was lieutenant to captain Vaughan when he took the Diamond frigat.

Mr. Cox, our late envoy in Switzerland, arrived here on Tuesday night from Dunkirk, and has been with the lords justices, giving an account of his confinement, &c.

An expresse is come to the admiralty, that a French privateer of 16 guns and 80 men is brought into Plymouth.

Deal letters say, a Flushing privateer has brought into the Downs an English built merchant ship, which he took under the castle of St. Vallery, loaden with French goods, and bound for England.

Mr. Lownds, secretary of the treasury, has projected a method to abate the price of guineas, and improving of silver, by preventing clipping and coyneing.

To morrow a foreign post is due.

Saturday, 21 *Sept.*—Last night the poll ended at Guildhall, and Mr. Buckingham polled about 1174 voices, and sir William Gore had 995; so the former carrying it, he will hold sherif with Mr. Wills for the next year.

Last night came in a Groyn mail, with advice, that on 27th ultimo the English and Dutch Turky fleets sailed from Cadiz for England under convoy of 15 men of warr, being in all about 80 sail. They bring no news from admiral Russel, but say we have had a good fishery in Newfoundland this year.

Wrote from Falmouth, that a Dutch caper had sent in there a vessel belonging to Dunkirk, loaden with deales, &c., bound for Brest.

From Plymouth, that the Germon spy boat was come in from cruizing, and reports, that off Ushant he fell in with 7 French men of war, and was chased by them, being part of monsieur Nesmonds squadron.

The lord Glenarchy is arrived here from Holland, and has brought with him a warrant to sett his father, the earl of Brodalbin, at liberty out of Edingburgh castle.

The Scotch letters say, that secretary Johnston has prevailed with 36 episcopal ministers in the north to take the oaths, whereby they will keep their liveings.

From Weymouth, that a vessel was putt in there from Guernsey, with advice, that captain Rosa, in a privateer of that island, had brought in there two French prizes bound for St. Maloes; and captain Stephens and Tucker, a Dane of 400 tunn, laden with pitch, tarr, hemp, &c.

From New England, that one of the kings ships had fought a French man of war on that coast for several hours, and retook from him 6 prizes, whereof one, a sloop from Jamaica, having on board great number of peices of eight.

This day guineas are fallen at the exchange to 1*l.* 7*s.* 6*d.*; the goldsmiths refuse to pay them so, and tis beleived the stock jobbers are concerned therein.

We want a Dutch post.

We have certain advice the king has broke all the officers of Dixmuyde and Deinse, except colonel Brewer and one more, for consenting to the surrender.

Tuesday, 24 *Sept.*—Last night came in 2 Dutch posts, &c.;

from Venice wrote, they had no confirmation of the fight between their fleet and the Turks.

From Vienna, that a party of hussars had defeated 200 Turkish horse, kill'd 30, and tak[en] many prisoners; the bassa that commanded them narrowly escaping.

From Paris, that monsieur Boufflers arrived at Versailles the 21st; that they talk there of new edicts to raise money; one for selling the revenue arising by the posts, as also of new levies to recruit their armies; that they had ordered the fitting out 42 men of war at Thoulon, but for want of men should have only 30 and 6 frigats, with design to repasse the Streights.

From Brussels, that the confederate army is gone from Hall to St. Quentin, and the French from Cambron to Leuze, both intending speedily for winter quarters.

That our parties from Aeth in 8 dayes have taken above 700 French horse, and many prisoners.

From Loo, that prince Nassau, stadtholder of Frizeland, prince of Anhalt Dessau, prince Vaudemont, &c., were come to wait on the king; and the elector of Brandenburgh was coming to the Hague, where his majestie intended to be as this day.

A battle is speedily expected between the Germans and the Turks.

Last night dyed the dutchesse dowager of Newcastle.

Last night came an expresse from Plymouth, that our homeward bound Turky fleet, with the rest of the merchant ships from the Streights, under convoy of 15 men of war, was pass'd by there for the Downs.

This day the council proceeded upon the miscarriage before Dunkirk, where the lord Berkley and Mr. Meesters attended again, but the determination of the whole is left to the king.

A speciall commission is signed for the tryal of many sea pyrates.

The falling of the price of guineas was occasioned by the stock jobbers, which being found out, and they forced off the Exchange by the merchants, are advanced to 30*s*. again.

Mr. Edward Finch, brother to the earl of Nottingham, and member of parliament for the university of Cambridge, has taken orders.

Mr. Cornish is chose a director of the bank of England in the room of sir William Scawen, now deputy governor thereof.

Thursday, 26 *Sept.*—The lords of the treasury have read and approved Mr. Lownds's project concerning the silver coin, and 'twill suddenly be printed.

The East India company have ordered a general sale at their house on Tuesday the 8th of October, and the Greenland company at Drapers hall on the 10th.

One Sanders, an atturney in the Inner Temple, had his chamber searched yesterday, and great quantity of money newly clipt, with working tools for that purpose, were found therein, but he is not taken.

Mr. Wills and Mr. Buckingham are to be sworn sherifs on Saturday at Guildhall, when the election will be of a lord mayor, and tis thought sir John Houblon and sir Edward Clark will be returned to the court of aldermen, who are to chuse one.

The bank of England have voted a dividend of 4*l.* per cent. for each 60*l.* paid in, to be made on 10 of October, which is the second dividend since their establishment.

Deal, 25; this day the Turky fleet arrived safe in the Downs with their convoy; and the squadron bound for Holland are sailed thither.

Five French men of war have taken two Dutch frigats to the northward, and 15 busses fishing for herrings, and carried them to Dunkirk.

The Irish parliament have passed an act against cursing and swearing; another for the more easy passing of sherifs accompts; and a 3d to prevent frauds and perjuries.

This day the councill satt at Whitehal, and agreed to 3 Irish bills to be passed into acts in that kingdom, viz. to enable the duke of Ormond to sell lands, to pay debts, and to two publick ones.

Two rich ships from Russia are arrived at Newcastle.

His majestie is expected here the beginning of next week if the wind prove fair.

Yesterday one Edwards, condemned for clipping, was executed at Tyburn.

Saturday, 28 *Sept.*—The bank of England not having that successe in their Mint at Antwerp for coyning of money to

pay our army as they expected, have borrowed 200,000*l.* of the bank at Amsterdam at 4*l.* per cent., the king giving his word at the same time to see them reimburst, which money they have paid to his majesties army in Flanders without remitting hence.

Yesterday the prince and princesse of Denmark returned from Windsor to Berkly house, and the duke of Glocester to Kensington.

The Turky fleet are coming up the river; they lost not one ship in their passage; they have on board 3000 bails of silk, with some tunns of bullion, and the oyles, cottons, &c., on board the said fleet have lessen'd the price of soap, candles, &c.: five of their men of war are laden too, which they call permission ships, viz. the Princesse Ann, Loyal Merchant, and 3 more.

Tis now said admiral Russel will have orders sent him not to return to England, and sir George Rook's goeing is at present laid aside.

This week a whole nest of clippers were discovered by one Smith in hopes to gett a pardon; and one Samuel Questwood, at Winchmore Hill, near Edmonton, with his wife, committed; and one Rowby, a merchant in Birching Lane; as also Mr. Morgan Bourne, a pretended merchant in Whitechappel; their clipping tools and coyning mills are likewise seised, with stamps for guineas and new mill'd money.

The parliament in Ireland have voted a poll for all labouring men from 16 to 60 to pay 1*s.*, but have not agreed what the nobility and gentry shall pay.

This morning sir John Houblon, one of the lords of the admiralty, and governour of the bank of England, was chosen lord mayor of this citty for the year ensueing.

Some highway men were taken in Drury Lane with a considerable summ of money about them, being pursued out of Dorsetshire, where they robb'd the receiver general of that country.

The Victory, a new rebuilt first rate man of war of 112 guns, was this day launched at Chatham.

Mr. Clark, secretary of war, has, we hear, this night dispatched orders to all burrough towns where forces are quartered to remove thence when a new parliament is called, that the elections may be free.

Tuesday, 1 *Octob.* — On Saturday Mr. Samuel Graunt, lately a barister of the Temple, was committed for mortally wounding one Fowler, a tradesman, for demanding a debt of 40*s.*

The prince and princesse are now at Cambden house, the lord Berkly having sold his to the marquesse of Normanby, and 'tis beleived they will soon come to St. James.

The Jews have letters from Constantinople, that the lord Paget and the heer Hemskirk, the Dutch ambassador there, having received news of the taking of Namur, made great rejoycings, which so well pleased the Turkish mobb, that they threatned to pull down the French ambassadors house.

A ship from Ostend sayes, they have taken and brought in there 3 French prizes laden with naval stores, the prisoners of which say, 6 French privateers of 30 guns each are sailed to Norway, to intercept English and Dutch ships.

The elector of Brandenburgh has bought two large Dutch ships to trade to Guinea.

Wrote from Guernsey, that their privateers lately fell in with the homeward bound French Newfoundland fleet, and took 5 of them, two of which were afterwards retaken by a French man of war.

A ship arrived at Bristol from Ireland brings, that a French man of war of 48 guns and 360 men had taken, after a sharp fight, his majesties hired ship the Betty, most of her men being killed and wounded.

Colonel Farington's regiment is coming to doe duty at the Tower, and colonel Beaumont's is ordered for the north.

This morning the new lord mayor was presented to the lord keeper, and treated as usual.

The commissioners of the navy have sent divers shipwrights and master builders to Chatham to view the squadron come from Cadiz, in order to fitt them out to sea again.

The king's and the late queen's effigies being finished at the citty charge, were yesterday sett up in one of the niches of the Royal Exchange.

A duel was lately fought at Hereford between the lord Chandois and the lord Coningsby about the stewards place of that citty, vacant by the lord Scudamore's not taking the oaths, but no mischeif was done.

We want 2 foreign posts, but this afternoon the earl of Rivers &c. arrived here from Ostend, and sayes, that his majestie was ready to embarque, but the wind is against him.

Thursday, 3 *Oct.*—The lord Carteret dyed some dayes since at his seat in Bedfordshire.

Sir Thomas Clarges, member of parliament for the university of Oxford, lyes dangerously ill.

The duke of Ormond, earl of Essex, &c., have writt letters hither, that his majestie has declared in Holland that he will have a new parliament here.

Sir Stephen Fox and Mr. Montague, chancellor of the exchequer, are making interest and 'tis beleived they will be chosen for Westminster, where a court for that liberty was yesterday held, consisting of the principal inhabitants, who all agreed to make them their representatives in parliament.

Spencely the coffee man, in custody for high treason, is dead.

The lord Dursley, lord lieutenant of Glocestershire, coming lately to that citty was mett by the mayor and aldermen, who presented him with a patent for being their high steward for life, and gave his lordship a noble entertainment.

Major general Ellenburgh, collonel Ofarrel, and the other cheif officers concern'd in the surrender of Dixmude and Deynse, are to be tryed by a court martial, and, amongst other matters, for signing the capitulation between the French king and the prince of Orange.

Yesterday came in two foreign mails; the Gazet of this day hath the most considerable matters therein.

A French man of war has taken a rich English interloper from Guinea.

This day the council had before them the lords of the admiralty, in order to consider of paying the ships lately come from the Streights; they had also before them several of the receivers generall, but came to no resolution about the price of guineas.

Saturday, 5 *Octob.*—The lords of the admiralty having received advice that admiral Russel designed to be in England in a fortnight's time, have ordered sir George Rook to sail forthwith for the Streights with the men of war and merchant ships, and, I am told, that he takes with him 500 granadeers.

Admiral Russel has wrote a letter to the admiralty, that he had sent a spy boat into Brest harbour, who brought advice that the French have a great many men of war there, and are fitting them with all expedition for some enterprize, and that he could gett no account of monsieur de Nesmond's squadron.

Yesterday sir Thomas Clarges dyed in the 78th year of his age, leaving about 5000*l.* per ann. to his son sir Walter.

Yesterday the lords of the treasury sent an order to the exchequer for payeing the earl of Ranelagh a considerable summ for subsistence of our forces in Flanders to the 7th instant and of those in England to the 14th; and another order was made for paying the commissioners of the victualling office a large summ.

Bromfeild the quaker's son is removed from the Gatehouse to Newgate.

Brigadeers Earl and Churchil came hither yesterday from Ostend, and just as the ship was under sail an order was brought thither (as they heard since) for their return to Ghent to assist at the tryal of Ellembourgh, &c.

Yesterday came in 3 Irish posts, which advise, that the parliament there were preparing a bill to prevent robberies, burglaries, &c., with a clause to encourage persons to apprehend tories: that they are considering of heads for a bill to establish the militia of that kingdom: also that the commissioners of the revenue layd before them all papers and orders for putting papists into possession of their estates since 1690: and that the commissioners for forfeitures give an account what papists have been restored to their estates since 1690: that the parliament resolved that the exaction of fees from the kings tenants by the collectors is arbitrary and illegal, and no such fees justly due: and that his excellency be desired to lay before the house of commons the books of adjudication of the Irish that came in under the articles of Limrick.

The wind being contrary his majestie is not yet arrived.

Tuesday 8 *Oct.*—Last night letters came from Ireland, which advise, that the parliament there were sending several bills for England to be approved by our council; one of them to hinder protestants marrying with papists; and that colonel Ponsonby had presented articles of high crimes and misdemeanors to the

house of commons against sir Charles Porter, lord chancellor of that kingdom.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that 104 of the episcopal clergy in the north of Scotland have, through the perswasion of Mr. secretary Jonstoun, taken the oaths, and thereby enjoy their benefices without being obliged to submit to the presbyterian government, and tis expected more will follow their example.

This morning the two houses of parliament mett, and were by commission further prorogued to the 31st instant, and tis said by most persons that on his majesties arrival (which is expected to morrow, the wind being fair) they will be dissolved, and a new one called.

Sir George Rook is now in a sailing posture, and will goe for Cadiz in a day or two.

The ship William and John, outward bound, was in the night surprized by a French privateer, and carried to Dunkirk.

Tis said a general embargo will be laid upon all shipping to foreign parts, except those bound for Holland, Flanders, Hamburgh, East countrey, and Ireland, to commence the beginning of December.

A great hearing hath been before the lord mayor and aldermen against Mr. Hitchcock, their water baylif, for signing licences to fishermen upon unstampt paper, whereby he not only forfeits his place, but 5*l.* for every licence, which being fully proved upon him, tis said he will be suspended.

A place is fallen in the common pleas of a philizer to the lord cheif justice Treby, worth 1000*l.*

The council here have disagreed to the bill sent from Ireland for their approbation from the parliament there for setling the forfeited lands on Mrs. Villers, the earls of Romney and Athlone.

The lord Wharton is dead.

We want two foreign mailes.

Thursday, 10 *Octob.*—The lords justices not having any account of the kings landing, this morning held a council at Whitehal, and heard the cause of Mr. Stafford, who claims an estate in Ireland, but referred the further hearing till next council day.

The lord Berkley and engineer Meesters were likewise

called in, and their papers read, but the determination thereof deferred till his majesties arrival.

Sir Henry Bellasis's regiment of fusileers is come hither to keep guard.

The marquesse of Tavistock, son to the late lord Russel, and sir John Worstenholme, have agreed to stand for knights of the shire for Middlesex against sir Charles Gerrard and Mr. Hawtrey.

The lord Wharton is not dead, as was reported.

The fund of 600,000*l.* upon annuities given by the last parliament is not yet half come in.

The Victory, lately new launched at Chatham, goes with sir George Rook to the Streights; and the lord Berkley, who was to have gone on board her, is to have the Soveraign, which is fitting up for him against spring.

Dr. Godolphin, and not Dr. Cradock, (as was said,) is made dean of Lincoln.

A fleet of 40 sail of merchant ships are arrived, and coming up the river from Gottenburgh with naval stores, 15 of them upon the kings account, the rest belonging to the Eastland merchants, but one of them foundred in her passage.

Yesterday came in two foreign mails, the particulars of which are in the Gazet.

Att 8 this evening an expresse came that his majestie landed at Margate about 10 this morning; from which place 5 prisoners were brought this day, and committed to Newgate for high treason.

Saturday, 12 *Oct.*—Thursday night the king lodg'd at the deans house in Canterbury, and yesterday dined at the Crown in Northfleet, after which he was mett on the road by divers of the nobility, &c.; and about 7 in the evening went thro the citty to Kensington, where, being arrived, the lords justices delivered up their commission, and were kindly received, his majestie expressing the great satisfaction he had of their prudent administration of affairs during his absence; and there was as great a confluence of the nobility and gentry as was ever known, who appeared generally in mourning.

About 10 at night the council mett, where it was resolved to dissolve this parliament, and call a new one to meet on Fryday the 22d of November next, pursuant to which a proclama-

tion was this day published, and the writs will be sent by this night's post to all parts of England and Wales. During the elections, 'tis said, the king will divert himself with hunting &c. at Winchester, Newmarket, &c.

Great store of bonefires, illuminations &c. were made on Thursday, and last night with ringing of bells, and discharging the guns at the Tower.

Thursday evening 2 highway men, having committed a robbery near Hounslow, were mett by 4 troopers goeing upon the patrolle, and after a short dispute made off, but were soon engaged by 4 others: the highway men fought desperately, and one of them, having received 7 wounds, was taken; and being carried before a justice of peace, acknowledged himself to have been a soldier under the late king James: the other made his escape: one trooper was killed in the action.

The princesse of Denmark has ordered sir Benjamin Bathurst to acquaint all her servants that it is her desire that they vote for sir Stephen Fox and Mr. Montague to be members for Westminster.

Tuesday, 15 *Octob.*—The duke of Leeds has taken his place in council as lord president.

Yesterday the king being waited upon by our lord mayor, aldermen and sherifs, to congratulate his safe return, was pleased to conferr the honour of knighthood upon Edward Wills and Owen Buckingham, the new sheriffs.

A detachment of the foot guards are marcht to Newmarket, whither his majestie designs to goe next Thursday, and continue there till Monday: from thence he goes to Althrop, the earl of Sunderland's house in Northamptonshire, where he will stay four dayes: from thence he goes to Nottingham, where he stays 6 days; November 1, 2, and 3 he will be at the duke of Newcastles in Sherwood forest; the fourth at Warwick; the 5, 6, 7, and 8 at Burford in Oxfordshire; the 9 and 10 at Windsor; and the 11 at Kensington.

Saturday the king made a visit to the prince and princesse of Denmark and the duke of Glocester, which last told him that he would accompany him the next campagne in Flanders.

This day the high court of admiralty should have satt in Westminster hall for the tryal of the pyrates, but adjourned to the Marshalsea in Southwark.

Yesterday the bishop of London, with the clergy of this citty, waited upon the king to congratulate his coming home; as did this day the dissenting ministers.

The sessions at the old Baily is begun, and Mr. Samuel Grant, for killing Mr. Fowler, is found guilty of manslaughter.

Yesterday, being the birthday of the late king James, the Jacobites appear'd in their utmost gayety, and in the evening mett in several obscure places to drink his health.

Tis said that the envoys of the republick of Genoua and the grand duke of Tuscany are arrived, and will have audience in a little time.

Yesterday's foreign post is wanting.

Thursday, 17 *Octob.*—Last night his majestie went to Cambden house, and took his leave of the prince, princesse, and duke of Glocester; and this morning, before 7, attended by the dukes of Leeds, Devonshire, and Shrewsbury, with many other lords and gentlemen, went for Newmarket.

Sir William Trumball, secretary of state, is goeing for Oxford, to be chosen a member of parliament for the university; and Mr. Lownds, secretary of the treasury, is goeing to one of the Cinque Ports upon the same account.

Tuesday next begins the election of members for the citty of London; one party putt up sir William Pritchard, sir John Fleet, sir Thomas Vernon, and sir William Russell; another party, sir Robert Clayton, sir John Fleet, sir William Ashurst, and Mr. Papillion; and a 3d party, sir John Houblon, lord mayor elect, sir John Fleet, Mr. Papillion, and Mr. Falkner.

Mr. Vernon, secretary to the duke of Shrewsbury as secretary of state, with several others belonging to his grace's office, attend his majestie in his progresse.

Dr. Thomas Burnet, master of the Charter House, having resign'd his place of clerk of the closet to the king, is succeeded by Dr. Montague of Cambridge.

Dr. Cradock, provost of Eaton colledge, being dead, will be succeeded by Dr. Godolphin, dean of Lincoln.

The lord Berkley is gone down to Chatham to be president of a council of war aboard the Victory for trying captain Robinson, whose ship, the Hope, was sometime since taken by the French.

His majesties ship the Dolphin has taken near the Isle of

Man a French privateer of 14 guns and 50 men, and brought her into Leverpool.

The five new 6th rates, four 5ths and one third rate men of war that are building are ordered to be fitted out next July.

Two foreign mails are due to morrow.

Saturday, 19 *Octob.*—Yesterday morning a duel was fought in Hide Park between sir Jo. Sandys and Mr. Boteler, both of Ireland, with seconds; the latter was run thro the arm in two places, and the seconds ending their dispute came up and prevented further mischeif.

The duke of Bedford thinking his grandson, the marquesse of Tavistock, too young for a member of parliament, makes all his interest for admiral Russel, who stands for Middlesex with sir John Wolstenholm.

Dr. Fuller, before the kings departure, kiss'd his hand for the deanry of Lincoln.

Mr. justice Rookby of the common pleas (it's said) will succeed sir Gyles Eyre in the kings bench, lately deceased; whose place in the common pleas will be supplyed either by Mr. baron Turton or Mr. baron Powell, and sir Littleton Powis, one of the Welsh judges, come into the exchequer.

Three persons are seiz'd in Southwark (whereof one is an apothecary) charged with conspiring the kings death.

Port letters advise that a vessel is putt into Plymouth with news, that the marquesse of Nesmond is still at sea, and that sir George Rook is sail'd by with a fair wind for Cadiz.

The duke of Leeds is returned to St. James's house.

The earl of Rumney has given orders for fine fireworks to be made in St. James's Square on the 4 November, being the kings birth day.

Captain Robinson of the Hope was tryed at Chatham, and acquitted.

This day came in a foreign mail, with advice from Paris, that 2 French men of war had taken near Galloway in Ireland the Devonshire, Resolution, and Sussex, of between 50 and 60 guns each, being all the ships the East India [company] expect home this year.

That general Veterani is dead of his wounds.

That the Turks are retired to Orsowa on the elector of Saxony's coming into Transylvania.

Sir William Trumball, being one of the commissioners of the treasury, and also secretary of state, has surrendred the former.

Tuesday, 22 *Octob.*—This day began the election at Guildhal for 4 members of parliament for this citty, where several were nominated, and upon view the sherifs declared that the majority of hands fell upon sir Robert Clayton, sir John Fleet, sir William Ashurst, and Mr. Papillion; but a poll being demanded for sir William Pritchard, sir Thomas Vernon, and sir William Russel, against Clayton, Ashurst, and Papillion, it was granted, and by Thursday night it's expected to be ended, on which day the election for Westminster begins.

Thomas Neal and John Webb, esqs., are chosen for Ludgershall in Wiltshire; as are sir William Trumball and Mr. Finch for the university of Oxford.

From Newmarket, that Mr. Comptrollers horse won two races of the duke of Devonshire; and Mr. Frampton, with the king's horse, won the town plate against the earl of Scarsdale.

From Sheilds, that two French privateers landed some men near that place, and burnt two houses, but putting to sea were taken by two Dutch privateers.

French letters say, the two privateers that took our 3 East India ships belong to Granville, which we burnt, and are to rebuild the town with the money they yield.

Since the losse of the 3 East India ships the actions of that company are fallen from 76 to 54.

The lord viscount Down is lately dead in Yorkshire, as also the earl of Strafford, and is succeeded in his barony of Raby by Mr. Wentworth, groom of the bedchamber to the king, but his garter is not disposed of.

The admiralty have ordered 4 men of war to cruise on the Irish coast and the mouth of the Channel.

A vessel arrived at Bristol sayes admiral Russel is come to Cadiz.

The coroners inquest have brought it [in] wilful murder against one Cotton, a trooper, and a woman, who on Saturday night killed Mr. Robinson of secretary Trumball's office.

Mr. Kendal, clerk of Loriners hall, Row, a surgeon, and Alfred, a joyner, are taken into custody for treasonable practices.

Sir Richard Haddock is payeing off the ships at Chatham, and began yesterday with the St. Michael.

Next spring tide the Windsor, a new ship, will be launched at Deptford.

Thursday, 24 *Oct.*—Dr. Thomas Watson, bishop of St. Davids, who was suspended by the late archbishop Tillotson, is summoned to appear before the present archbishop of Canterbury, to answer what shall be objected against him.

His majestie dined yesterday at Boughton, the earl of Montagues, in Northamptonshire, and designs the like with the earl of Northamptonshire.

The Venetians (we hear) are treating with the states of Holland for 6 men of war; also desire them to send some frigats to cruize on the coasts of Algiers and Tripoli, that they may not be able to assist the Turks with shipping.

The sentence agreed upon by the council of warr at Ghent against major general Ellembergh and brigadeer Ofarrel is not yet made publick; and lieutenant general Bellasis, president thereof, is coming for England to acquaint his majestie with their proceedings.

Several merchants are gone to his majestie to gett his consent to treat with the French about the two East India ships, the Princesse Ann and the Seymor, which they took lately.

Yesterday began the election for Southwark; the majority seem'd to be for Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Cox a brewer; but sir George Meggott demanding a poll, it was granted, and it is not yet over.

And this day was the election for Westminster, where a vast number appeared for sir Stephen Fox and Mr. Montague, and about a fourth part for sir Walter Clarges: the two former were declared, but the latter demanding a poll, it was granted, and it will take up some dayes.

The election for London will be over to morrow.

Sir Thomas Cook (a prisoner in the Tower) and Dr. Harrison are chosen for Colchester.

The sessions began at the Old Baily on the 14th, and held the 15, 16, and 18 of this month, where several criminals were tryed; whereof 10 received sentence of death, (three of them for clipping and coyning,) 6 were burnt in the hand, and one was respited, being ill, and Mr. Grant had a reprieve to stay

his; 3 were ordered to be whipt, four were fined considerable summs, and to stand in the pillory, for cheating the bank of England, and two were fined for taking in Dyers News Letter.

Saturday, 26 Oct.—Letters from Cadiz say, that an Algerine man of war came into the confederate fleet, and saluted admiral Russel, and came on board him; after which a Dutch man of war took her as prize, she not offering to fire a gun, having the admirals protection, who sent to know the meaning of it; the captains answer was, she was the states generalls enemy, and he would stand by what he did; after which the Dutch admiral called a council of war, and condemned her as prize; but, notwithstanding, admiral Russel sett her at liberty, sayeing, he would pay for the ship, if the states insisted upon it.

The inhabitants in and about the new playhouse in Lincolns Inn Feilds have petitioned the court of kings bench, wherein they set forth the many inconveniences occasioned thereby, praying they may be prohibited from acting; upon which the court made two points; first, whither playhouses in general be not nusances in themselves; 2d, admitting they are not, whither the inconveniences aforesaid doe not make the new playhouse become a nusance to the neighbourhood; and the further debate is adjourned till Thursday.

His majestie, at the earl of Sunderland's, conferred the honour of knighthood on John Coombs, esq., cheif justice of Chester; and Monday next goes to Lincoln, and so to Nottingham.

This morning the sherifs declared sir John Fleet, sir Robert Clayton, sir William Ashurst, and Mr. Papillion, members of parliament for this citty, the least of them carrying it by near 300 voices.

The bishop of St. Davids has been before the archbishop, being charged with articles for undue proceedings in his diocesse; who said, he was not legally served with the processe, and being of the house of peers, would insist upon his priviledge.

The merchants that went hence to the king have got his majesties leave to treat with the French about ransoming the two East India ships, the Seymor and the Princesse Ann.

The elections following are over, besides those in the printed accounts; viz. lord Cutts and admiral Russel for Cambridgshire; Foot Onslow and Morgan Randall for Guildford; Gilbert Dolben and William Brownlow for Peterborough; Mr. Hobby and sir Thomas Mompesson for Salisbury; sir John Parsons and his son for Rygate; Mr. Boyle and Dr. Oxendon for Cambridge university; sir Thomas Cook and Dr. Harrison lost it for Colchester, sir Isaac Rebow and sir John Mordant carrying it.

Tuesday, 29 *Octob.*—This day Mr. justice Rokeby of the common pleas took his place in the court of kings bench; after which sir John Houblon, the new lord mayor, (attended by the aldermen and livery men of this citty, who came down to Westminster in their barges,) was sworn at the exchequer barr; from whence he returned into the citty, where a splendid dinner was prepared: the lord keeper, judges, and several of the nobility were present.

The Bediford, a new 6th rate man of war, was lately launched at Harwich.

The 27th a Dutch caper brought into Portsmouth 4 French prizes; and captain Jumper in the Weymouth hath carryed into Torbay 2 French privateers of 14 and 10 guns each.

Last night came an expresse from Plymouth, that admirals Russell and Aylmer, with 7 men of war from the Streights, and several merchant ships, were come into the Chops of the Channel.

Six Virginia ships are safely arrived at Bristoll.

The Irish bills which came over hither to be approved of by the king and council are return'd for that kingdom to be past into laws; and with them an expresse to the lord deputy to putt an end to the session of that parliament.

Three letters of mart ships are ordered for the West Indies, with some forces on board.

The East India company to morrow call in 25*l.* per cent. to carry on their trade.

Two Jacobites of this citty were this day seized, being accused of a design against the kings life.

These elections following are over, besides those mentioned in the Gazet: Westminster, sir Stephen Fox and Mr. Charles Montague; Southwark, Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Cox; Wendover,

Mr. Beak and Mr. Backwell; Haslemere, Mr. Bridges aad Mr. Woodroffe; Devizes, sir Edward Ernle and Mr. Methwin; Rye, sir John Austen and Mr. Fruen; Wareham, colonel Earl and Mr. Trenchard; Dorchester, serjeant Bond and Mr. Napier; Stockbridge, Mr. Venables and Mr. Sturt; Ashburton, Mr. Duke and Mr. Stawel; Taunton, Mr. Clark and Mr. Speke; Rippon, Mr. Jennings and Mr. Asilby; Weobley, Mr. Thomas Foley and Mr. Price; Huntingtonshire, Mr. Montague and Mr Hammond, the latter carrying it against colonel Titus.

Thursday, 31 *Oct.*—Yesterday the East India company called a general court, and there being a full appearance the governor acquainted them with the great losses they had lately sustained, upon which it was proposed to call in 25*l.* per cent. to carry on their trade, which was unanimously resolved, and that the same be paid in by the 15th of December next, and repayable in 2 years; and I hear that 30,000*l.* was brought in last night upon a rebate of 6*l.* per cent.: they have also ordered a committee of 40 to draw up all their addresses, which they have from time to time laid before the lords of the admiralty, with their several answers thereto, in order to lay them before the parliament, to endeavour to discover who was the cause of loosing their ships.

The earl of Sunderland, during his majesties stay at his house, kept 8 several tables, and were all served in plate.

A gentleman is committed to Newgate from the Castle and Falcon inn, near Aldersgate, for having working tools, and about 500*l.* worth of clippings, found in his custody.

The board of admiralty have ordered all the French prisoners here to be exchanged.

The Irish bills, mentioned in my last to be sent hence to passe into acts there, proves a mistake, for they are not yet ready.

Wrote from Spain, that the nobility in Catalonia have desired the king to recall the marquesse de Gastanaga, their governor; and from Paris, that the discourse of raising 40,000 new levies much alarams the officers of the army, who according to the lists given in by the collonels of regiments it appears they want about 70,000 men for recruits, which will be very difficult to raise, especially if the new levies goe on, but the better to facilitate it, an order is published forbidding all per-

sons of what rank soever to entertain in their service any footman above 14 years old.

Mr. Hampden (late chancellor of the exchequer) is dead at his seat in Buckinghamshire.

Mr. Thomas Wharton and sir Richard Atkins are chosen knights of the shire for Buckinghamshire; sir William Cowper and his son for Hartford town; and sir William Twisden and Mr. Brewer for Romney, sir Charles Sedley losing it by one voice.

Saturday, 2 *Nov.*—Last night came in a foreign mail; wrote from Paris, that Mr. Vauban is at Dinant, where the king has ordered to spare no cost to make that place as strong as possible, because the taking that place will open a way for the confederates into France; and at the importunity of mareschal Boufflers it's resolved to fortifye Courtray, being an important post to defend the line between the Lys and the Scheld.

That the bargain with the Jews at Metz for 4000 horse is not yet concluded, because they insist to have two thirds of their money beforehand.

From Venice, they had no letters directly from the fleet, but from Cyprus, Corfu, and Zant, they had an account that their captain generall had engaged the Turkish fleet off Scio, consisting of 22 men of war, 18 galleys, and 40 galliots; 3 of the biggest they sunk, and put the rest to flight, and took others, one whereof had on board 200,000 peices of eight: they give few particulars of the Venetians losse, except one man of war blown up, and the nobles Michieli, Zeno, and Bembo killed, and diverse wounded.

It's wrote from the Hague, that the prince of Baden will command in Hungary, the duke of Holstein Ploen on the Rhine, and the prince of Nassau, stadtholder of Freezland, in the Netherlands.

The elector of Saxony, in a conference with the emperor, has agreed to raise him two new regiments more then his quota.

Mr. John Bear of Kingsbridge in Devonshire has been examined before Mr. secretary Trumbal, and committed for treasonable practices.

36 merchant ships are ordered for cruizers.

Members of parliament since my last: for Saltash, Mr. Moyle and Mr. Buller; Warwick town, Mr. Grevill and the lord Digby; for the county, Mr. Archer and Mr. Bromley; Nottinghamshire, sir Scroop How and Mr. White; Derby town, lord Henry Cavendish and Mr. Bagnall; Lanceston, lord Hyde and Cary; Hythe, sir Phillip Butler and Mr. Desboverye; Downton, sir Charles Rawleigh and Mr. Duncomb; Glocester citty, Mr. Paine and Mr. Trye; and for Radnor town, Robert Harley, esq.

Tuesday, 5 *Nov.*—The parliament of Ireland having acquitted sir Charles Porter of the matters laid to his charge are adjourned for 3 weeks, by which time they expect back the bills sent hither to be approved.

The report of Mr. Hambdens being dead proves a mistake.

This day came an expresse from Portsmouth, that admiral Russel, with the fleet of men of war and merchant ships, were arrived at Spithead; that the admiral was come ashore, and on his way to meet the king; that since his goeing out hath not lost one ship, but took 23 prizes, and 2 of them men of war, the Content and Trident.

The king has been pleased to conferr the place of master of the mint, vacant by the decease of the late master, upon Dr. Newton, mathematical professor at Cambridge.

Dr. Haley, minister of St. Gyles's, is made one of the kings chaplains.

Yesterday being his majesties birth day, and this the day of his landing, as also gunpowder treason, they were observed here with all imaginable demonstrations of joy; but the fireworks prepared in St. James's Square for his majesties birth day are deferred till his return from his progresse.

The sentence agreed upon by the court martial against major general Ellengburgh is said to be, that he be degraded of arms, his sword broke at his feet, be uncapable of serving in the army any more, and his estate confiscated.

We hear, that the Bonadventure, the Generous, Hannah, Hunter, Unity, and Harding galley, being the rest of our homeward bound Turky ships, are arrived at Cadiz in their way for England.

This day one Chapman of the Bridgefoot club was taken into custody for treasonable practices.

Dyer the news writer was also apprehended, having absconded a considerable time.

Members chosen since the last: for Herefordshire, sir Edward Harley and sir Herbert Crofts; Bedfordshire, lord Edward Russell and Mr. Duncomb; Rutlandshire, lord Burleigh and Mr. Bennet Sherrard.

Yesterday the lord keeper, with several of the privy council and judges, in the exchequer chamber, prickt sherifs, 3 for each county, for the king to prick one.

Thursday, 7 *Nov.*—What mentioned in my last, as to the sentence of major general Ellemburgh, proves a mistake, for lieutenant general Bellasis is arrived here, bringing to the king the sentence of the court martial; viz. that major general Ellemburgh lose his head, and have his estate confiscated: brigadeer Ofarrel to be casheer'd, and his sword broke over his head by the hangman: the like punishment on colonel Oar, a Dutchman: sir James Lesly and collonel Grimes broke; and collonel Brewer suspended for 3 months, and as long imprisonment; which, 'tis said, his majestie hath approved, and a warrant is sending to Flanders for execution thereof.

Admiral Russel is come into the Downs, and not gone to meet the king, as was said, being resolved to see the fleet before he quitts the same.

Mr. Hutchinson, one of the commissioners of accounts, and member of parliament for Nottingham, is dead.

Yesterday the election ended for Surrey, sir Richard Onslow and Mr. Denzil Onslow carrying it against Mr. Harvey.

The earl of Monmouth being in one of the kings coaches with Mr. Capell, the coach overturned between Grantham and Lincoln in the night, which much bruised his lordship, on which he hath quitted the progresse, and is come to town.

His majestie stayes 3 dayes at Burford, and will be at Windsor on Saturday evening, where the sword and mace, with the gentlemen pencioners, are ordered to attend; and Monday dines with the lord Rumney in St. James's Square, where the fireworks prepared for his majesties birth day will then be plaid.

The duke of Schonbergh came yesterday to the horse guards, and appointed a court martial to be continued twice a week, as formerly, to hear complaints relating to the forces.

Yesterday 8 persons were hanged at Tyburn, and a highway man seeing the execution was apprehended, and sent to Newgate.

Two persons are brought out of Kent lately come from France, and many letters taken with them.

A summ of money is ordered by the lords of the treasury to the officers in Flanders to make their recruits.

The 8 persons executed at Tyburn, 6 men and 2 women; 3 or 4 of them for clipping; of which, one woman to be burnt.

Saturday, 9 *Nov.*—Last night was held a council at Whitehal, and had the Irish bills before them, and finished the poll bill, as also another for layeing a further imposition on divers commodities.

The commissioners of the sick and wounded were likewise called in, and had positive orders to insist upon satisfaction for breaking the marine cartell, and not discharge the French prisoners till they comply theretoo, we having above 400 more of theirs then they of ours.

The same evening admiral Russel came hither, attended by some of the lords of the admiralty, and this day went to meet the king.

Most of the men of war that came from the Streights are paid of, and the men discharged; and upon examination many of the ships are found to be wormeaten; to prevent which for the future all ships that goe thither will be sheathed.

A new ambassador is daily expected here from the court of Sueden, whose errand is said to be as well to mediate a peace as concert the conditions upon which some thousands of that kings forces are to serve in the confederate army.

Yesterday one Edwards, Leeson, Randall, and Chapman were committed to the Marshalsea for treason.

The actions of the East India company are now 56.

Sir Thomas Pope Blount and Mr. Halsey are chose members of parliament for Hartfordshire, and Mr. Morrice Thompson and Mr. Howard for Bletchingly.

Tis beleived there will be at least 150 new members elected.

This day came in a foreign mail, which advises, that the Spaniards in Catalonia have again taken possession of Palamos, and design to refortifye it.

Seven Swedish merchant ships taken by the French off Dunkirk are released.

The French king has ordered the intendants of each province to bring into his treasury the arrears of the poll tax by the 10th of December on pain of losing their imployments.

The English have taken a rich merchant ship belonging to Marseilles, worth a million of livres, and carried her to Messina.

The lord Galway, general of his majesties forces in Savoy, has received considerable summs of money to make recruits in Switzerland.

Tuesday, 12 *Nov.*—This day we had letters from Ireland, but bring nothing material, only that Dr. Wilson, bishop of Limrick, is dead.

The parliament in Scotland are by order from his majestie prorogued to the 20 of March.

Saturday evening one Coppin, a beau, and lately questioned about clipping, quarell'd with Mr. Bartlet, an attorney, giving him the lye, upon which he drew, and the other also in his own defence, and ran him into the body, of which wound he dyed this day.

Saturday evening a fire hapned in Beaufort Buildings in the Strand, which burnt down Mr. Knight's house, treasurer of the customes, with his sister, as also Beaufort house, and 2 more adjoining.

Tis said the duke of Glocester will have the earl of Straffords garter, and be speedily installed.

Sir William Williams of Graies Inn is chose member of parliament for Bewmorice; and Mr. Edward Harley and Mr. Cocks for Droitwich.

A Dutch caper has brought into Plymouth 3 prizes laden with deals, wine, and salt.

This day the lord keeper and judges mett in the exchequer chamber, where the lord cheif justice Holt made a long argument on the case of the bankers; and his lordships opinion was the same with the rest of the judges, (except the lord cheif justice Treby, who differed in some small points,) that the debt was upon a good consideration; that the letters patents were good, and judiciously granted; and lastly, that the means and methods used by the people are regular and legal,

and therefore that the revenue is lyable, and ought to pay the parties concerned: so the matter stands till the lord keeper deliver his opinion, which will be next term.

Yesterday in the afternoon his majestie returned safe to Kensington from his progresse.

This day was a cabinet council; after which was a grand council at Whitehal, where the Irish bills were again before them.

Tis said the duke of Leeds was not summoned, so tis beleived there will be a new president.

There is one Dutch mail wanting.

Thursday, 14 *Nov.*—Several persons in France with king James, finding this government so firmly established on king William, doe mediate by their friends here to procure them passes to return home, promising to live conformably and peaceably under the same.

Last night his majestie honoured the earl of Romney with his presence at supper, after having seen the fireworks in St. James Square, which were very fine.

We hear the East India company have agreed to petition the king, representing their condition and losses, begging his gratious assistance for the better security of their trade for the future: they have also agreed on the form of a bond for answering 25*l.* per cent. advance, which they have ordered to be called in by way of bottomry; and they have given it as their opinion, that any of their members who shall join with the Scotch East India company, or any interloper, breaks his oath taken at his admission: their actions are at present at 57.

One Chapman of the Southwark clubb is bailed on promise to discover the rest of the Jacobite clubb; one of which was to have shot the king in his return from Flanders, had he passed thro that burrough.

To morrow his majestie goes to Windsor to hunt, and stayes till Tuesday; and on Monday will be held there a chapter of the garter to elect a knight in the room of the earl of Strafford, deceased.

It is said a convocation of the clergy will be called to sitt this winter at Westminster.

A patent is passing the seals to Abell Cottey for the sole use

of a new invented engine for rasping of logwood for dyers, which may be wrought by hand or horse labour, and fitt to employ a great number of poor.

Lunt, Wombell, and Wilson, the Lancashire witnesses, have obtained a new tryal, for want of notice of the former.

The Paris Gazet sayes, the Dunkirk privateers have lately taken about 20 ships, most of them Dutch, coming from Hamburgh.

Yesterday sir Francis Masham and sir Charles Barrington were chose members for Essex ; and this day was the election for Middlesex at Hampsted; admiral Russel and sir John Wolstenholm had the majority in the feild, but sir Charles Gerard and Mr. Hawtrey demanding a poll, 'twas granted, and the two former carried it by 300.

Sir Thomas Roberts and Mr. Sidney, grandson to the earl of Leicester, are also chose for Kent.

Saturday, 16 *Nov.*—Thursday evening the king gave a visit to the prince and princesse of Denmark, and invited them to reside at St. James's house; and at the same time gave the garter (vacant by the death of the earl of Strafford) to the duke of Glocester; who, it is said, will have a patent for that title, a family establish'd for him, and an house for his highnesses court.

The next morning the king went to Windsor to hunt for 2 or 3 dayes.

The council have approved of 9 of the Irish bills, and sent them back; 5 of them are publick.

An extraordinary council is summoned to morrow to meet at Windsor upon matters of great moment.

We having forborn sending away the French seamen until that king had made satisfaction for breaking the marine cartel, are inform'd he is content to release Mr. Cox, our late envoy in Switzerland, as well as all other English subjects taken at sea; and thereupon the commissioners of sick and wounded seamen have orders to transport the French, and bring back the English.

Wrote from Scotland, that 30 soldiers of collonel Hills regiment were sent from Fort William in Innerlochy to the Isle of Skey to assist the kings collectors in gathering the tax, but the inhabitants fell upon them, and kill'd several of them.

Yesterday being queen dowagers birth day several of the nobility had a ball at Somerset house.

Colonel Colts and some other regiments are ordered to come to Southwark, of whom his majestie will take a view on Blackheath.

Mr. Lownds, secretary of the treasury, is chosen for Seaforth; whose book for regulating the coins, &c., newly published by the kings printers, is given to the lords of the council, &c., and when the parliament sitts will be presented to the members of each house.

Mr. Moulsworth, late envoy to Denmark, is chosen for Camelford in Cornwall.

This day came in a foreign post, which contradicts the French account of their having taken the Dutch homeward bound Hamborough fleet.

Tuesday, 19 *Nov.*—Deal, 18th; this morning his majesties ships the Colchester and Bonadventure from Scanderoon and the Greenwich from Cadiz arrived here; and under their convoy the Generous, Hunter, Virgin, Unity, and Harding gally from Scanderoon, and the Fortune from Majorca; the Robert and John from Alicant, the Rose from Zant, and the Hugh and Jeremiah from Malaga; all richly laden, and great quantities of silk on board; the arrival of which is more welcome to the merchants, who were in some pain, not having heard any thing from them since their being at Messina the 12 of September.

Last night his majestie returned from Windsor, and as he past by Hounslow Heath took a review of colonel Windsor's regiment of horse.

On Thursday a general council is summoned to meet at Kensington to prick sherifs for the several counties of England and Wales.

Tis wrote from France, that their king, the nobility and gentry, have subscribed to a new bank, (which they call the privateer bank,) designing to fitt out yearly a certain number of privateers to disturb the trade of the allies, which will oblige the latter to goe out in fleets under strong convoys.

The clergy of the diocesse of London have chosen Dr. Isham and Dr. Whincop to represent them in the convocation, which is to sitt some time next winter in Westminster Abby.

His majestie has ordered an account to be given him of what branches of his revenue are appropriated, and what money has been paid into the exchequer.

Captain Robinson, who lost the Hope, has the command of the Restauration, a 3d rate man of war, given him.

There is 125,000*l.* already brought into the East India company of the 25*l.* per cent. they lately called in.

The freeholders of Westmorland and Cumberland have addressed their members chearfully to supply his majestie for carrying on the war.

Sir Thomas Dyke and Mr. Conyers are chosen for East Greensted.

Yesterday sir Patrick Trant, newly landed from France, was apprehended at Gravesend.

Thursday, 21 *Nov.*—His majestie has received letters from the prince of Baden, wherein he signifies that the emperor has desired him to command in Hungary the next campagne, and prayes his opinion therein.

A great hearing was this week before the lords of the treasury on behalf of some gentlemen in Wales in opposition to the passing of a patent granted to the earl of Portland, and another hearing is to be before the lord privy seal upon the same account.

Sir Patrick Trant, seized coming from France, has been examined; he sayes, king James was much indisposed, and that most of his servants were leaving him; and that he came over upon no other account then to make his peace, and sollicit for his estate in Ireland; and is recommitted.

Sir John Guise, lately chose knight of the shire for Glocestershire, is dead of the small pox.

The clergy of Middlesex have chosen Dr. Wiggan and Dr. Lancaster for their representatives in the convocation.

The lords of the admiralty have ordered 3 transport ships to carry the French prisoners, and bring back ours, viz. captain Turner in the Sophia, from Dover to Calais: captain Lucas in the Ann, from Portsmouth to Dunkirk; and captain Stephens in the Hopewell, from Plymouth to Kingsale, and so to St. Malloes.

To morrow the parliament meet, and 'tis generally beleived Mr. Paul Foley will be chosen speaker of the house of commons.

Saturday, 23 *Nov.*—Yesterday his majestie came to the house of lords, and sent for the commons to attend him, to whom the lord keeper said, Gentlemen, it is his majesties pleasure that you return to your house, and chuse a speaker, and present him here to morrow. Accordingly the commons went back to their house, and unanimously chose Paul Foley, esq. to be their speaker, and adjourned till this day; when about 11 of the clock the king came to the house of lords, where the commons presented their speaker, whom the lord keeper said his majestie well approved of, being chose by 2 parliaments; after which the king made a long speech to this effect: That he mett them with great satisfaction, being assured of their good disposition; that he was engaged in the war by his first parliament; that the last parliament chearfully assisted him; that the advantages of last year gives hope of better successe; takes notice of the bravery of the English, without whom it was impossible to stop the French greatnesse; thinks it a misfortune to ask such large ayds; recommends the augmenting our shipping, and increase of seamen; incouraging the East India trade; raising recruits; that the funds given were deficient; the civil list cannot be supported; that compassion obliges him to mention the French protestants; takes notice of the ill state of our coin; and desires a speedy dispatch of businesse, because the French will be early in the feild.

The lords and commons were this day buisied in taking the oaths.

Yesterday the convocation mett at St. Pauls, and adjourned till the 12th of February.

The king has been pleased to confer the honour of knighthood on Mr. Hawles, the sollicitor generall; and on Mr. Holford, a master in chancery.

This day sir Patrick Trant was committed to Newgate.

Tuesday, 26 *Nov.*—Yesterday the house of lords adjourned themselves till Monday next; but before they rose the lord Dartmouth was introduc'd, as also Mr. Wentworth, now baron of Raby, which title fell to him by the death of the earl of Strafford, who left his estate to Mr. Thomas Watson, brother to the lord Rockingham.

This day the commons read the kings speech, and after

debating the same, resolved that an humble addresse be made to his majestie to congratulate the successe of his arms abroad, and his safe return home; and to return his majestie thanks for the trust and confidence reposed in the affections of his people; and assure him that this house is resolved to support him and the government against all his enemies at home and abroad, and effectually to assist him in the prosecution of the present war: and resolved further, to take the said speech into consideration on Thursday next.

This day the king went to Windsor to divert himself with hunting, and returns again to morrow.

One Tilson, an eminent painter in Lincolns Inn Feilds, has shot himself.

Mr. Pursell, the great master of musick, was this evening buried in the Abby of Westminster.

This evening came in a foreign post, which brings, that 3 third rate men of war were lately launched at Amsterdam, as will be two first and 1 second rate ships at Helvoet Sluys next tide.

That major generall Ellenburgh was beheaded at Ghent; he died very resolutely: the rest of the officers of Dixmuyde and Deynse suffered according to their sentence of the court martiall.

Thursday, 28 *Nov.*—The committee of elections have chosen sir John Hawles, sollicitor generall, to be chairman.

Mr. Levings, an ironmonger, without Aldgate, returning out of Hertfordshire with his wife, was, in the road between Kingsland and Shorditch, shott and robbed by 5 persons; of which wound he presently dyed; but the persons escaped.

A great number of clippers were yesterday seized, and committed to Newgate.

Wrote from the Hague, that the deputies of the admiralties are ordered to equipp speedily a strong squadron for the Streights, with a fleet of victuallers and merchant men; and that 6 third rates, 4 fourth rates, are almost ready to sail as part of the said squadron.

Saturday, 30 *Nov.*—The house of commons in a committee yesterday debated the badnesse of our coin, the losse of trade, and for making a free port in Flanders; and were of opinion that all provisions and necessaries for our army be sent hence

to be free from all duties; and are to goe upon this again on Monday.

This day the bill for regulating the presse was read a 2d time, and committed.

And a motion was made for granting a supply to the king in a committee of the whole house, and considered in the committee.

Resolved, that a supply be granted to his majestie for prosecuting the war against France.

Captain Turner, in the Sophia yatch, has brought from Dunkirk 126 English seamen.

Our homeward bound Hamborough fleet of 30 sail, mentioned in the Paris Gazet to be taken, are come into the river.

Our merchants have advice that 3 homeward bound Turky ships are arrived at Leghorn on their way home.

Foreign letters say, that the Switz cantons of Zurick and Berne have given leave to the lord Galloway to raise what forces he will for the king of England.

Letters from Paris say that their king was resolved to augment his forces against the next campagne.

Tuesday, 3 Dec.—The commons yesterday, in a committee of the whole house upon the state of the nation, debated 5 hours the regulating the coyne, and securing of trade, but came to no resolution, only to consider one one day, and the other the next, till they have setled the same, and are to be upon the coin to morrow.

This day sir John Lowther presented to the house the estimates for the sea service for next year, and the lord Ranelagh that for the land; both which amount to 5 millions 400,000*l.*

Sir William Trumball also delivered the quota's of the confederate forces for the next campagne, being about 334,000 men: all which were referr'd to a grand committee of the house next Thursday.

Yesterday the lords read a bill against bankrupts; and ordered the bishop of Lincoln, Dr. Gardiner, to preach before them in the Abby on the fast day, which by proclamation is appointed to be here on 11 instant, and in the country on the 18th.

Their lordships were this day upon the state of the nation, and particularly upon the Scotch East India company, which they think will be prejudicial to our trade; and after long debates resolved, that divers English merchants trading to the East Indies, as also the commissioners of the customs, attend them on Thursday next about it.

The Spanish ambassador here is forbid the court for 3 dayes, upon some affront given to ours in Spain.

Plymouth letters say, the Weymouth had taken a French ship of 30 guns, and the Portland one of 6, both laden with fish, and the Foresight, a 3d of 16 guns; all which are carried into Cork.

Sunday morning collonel Ashton was killed by Mr. Nicholas Cary in a duel at Cashalton in Surrey.

Yesterday the king took a view of collonel Windsor's regiment of horse, colonel Lee's regiment of dragoons, and colonel Colts of foot, which were well accoutred.

Yesterday came out his majesties proclamation for a fast day to be observed the 11th of this month here about town, and upon the 18th instant in the country, for imploring Gods blessing upon the consultations of this present parliament.

Thursday, 5 Dec.—The house yesterday, in a committee of the whole house upon the state of the nation, agreed, to prevent the mischeifs arising by the currency of clipt money, it was necessary to call it in, and recoyne the same.

The same day the lords ordered an addresse to the king to desire him to issue out a proclamation for calling in the clipt money by a day prefixt.

This day the East India company, with the African merchants and the commissioners of the customs, were heard at the lords bar as to the inconveniencies arising from the Scotch East India company; and the lords took till Saturday to consider thereof.

After which their lordships, in a conference with the commons, desired their concurrence to the said addresse about clipt money, which the commons have agreed to take into consideration to morrow.

The house of commons gave leave to bring in a bill to reverse a judgment against sir William Williams for what he did when speaker.

After which the commons were in a committee upon the estimates for the next years war; and agreed to the estimate for the navy, allowing two millions and half for the same; and on Saturday goe upon the estimates of the land forces.

The university of Oxford have published a decree, wherein they condemn the notions of the Trinity asserted by Dr. Sherlock.

The Soldadoes has brought into the Downs 2 French ships taken near Diep.

This evening at Kensington his majestie pricked sherifs.

Saturday, 7 Dec.—Yesterday the commons, in a committee of the whole house about the coyne, resolved that all clipt money be called in, and recoined, according to the antient standard of England, at the charge of the publick.

The lords were upon the state of the nation, and agreed to addresse the king to lay before them a list of the fleet last year, and of the land forces, with the names of the officers that were upon the English establishment, and the condition and disposition of the fleet.

This day the lords satt about half an hour, and then adjourn'd till Monday.

The commons this day read a 2d time the bills for regulating expences at elections, and that to prevent false and double returns, and committed them.

Then they went into a committee of the whole house further to consider of the state of the coin, and debated it 4 hours, and came to two resolves: 1. That a day be appointed after which no halfcrown nor crown, other then such as are mill'd, be allowed in payment to passe, except only to the collectors and receivers of his majesties revenue and taxes, or upon loans and payments into the exchequer. 2. That after a day sett no crown nor half crown, except mill'd, passe in any payment.

And upon Monday the house consider of the lords addresse about clipt money.

Mr. Frankland of the post office and Mr. Hugh Bethell are chosen members for Heydon in Yorkshire.

Thursday the council ordered sir James Butler to be turn'd out of the commission of the peace, and an information to be brought against him for not committing a pyrate to the Marshalsea, (being retaken after he had made his escape out of

the Savoy,) by which means he was rescued by some Irish men from the constable.

Mr. Samuel Johnson, (chaplain to the late lord Russell,) whose sufferings were so great in king James's time, has been so gratiously considered by his majestie, that he has been pleas'd to give him 1000*l.* in ready money, and setled 300*l.* per ann. upon him and his son, and the longer liver.

A Guernsey privateer has taken 9 French ships out of a fleet of 50, laden with wine, brandy, and salt.

Tuesday, 10 *Dec.*—Yesterday the earl of Anglesey and sir John Dillon fought a duel, their seconds being the lord Montjoy and sir John Walters, but no mischeif done, only sir John Dillon wounded in the left breast.

Yesterday also the committee of elections heard the double return for Mitchel in Cornwall, and gave it against Mr. Rowe.

The East India company held yesterday a court, and resolved to present a petition to the parliament, setting forth their great losses, prayeing to be established by act of parliament: they afterwards purged themselves by a voluntary oath that they had no concern in the Scotch East India company.

Three persons are found guilty at the Marshalsea for high treason, and two for pyracy.

This day the committee reported the resolutions about the coin, and they were agreed to by the house, which were in substance; That a free port be procured in Flanders for all provisions &c. for the army to passe duty free; That the best means for preventing the mischeifs arising by clipt money is to recoin the same; That the money be recoined after the English standard as to weight and finenesse; That a day be appointed after which no clipt crown or half crown (other then mill'd) be allowed to passe, except to the collectors and receivers of the kings revenue and taxes, and upon loanes and payments in the exchequer; That a day be appointed after which no crown nor half crown (other then mill'd) passe in any payment whatsoever; That all such crowns and half crownes as shall come into his majesties receit shall be recoyned into mill'd money; That a day be appointed after which no money clipt within the ring be allowed in payment except to the king's receivers; That a day be appointed after which no money clipt within the ring passe at all; That a day

be appointed to bring in all clipt money, after which no recompence shall be allowed for the same; That a fund be setled for supplying the deficiency of the clipt money coyned in the lawful mint of England. The house divided upon the question for the antient standard; yeas 224, noes 114.

The house of lords heard the Barbadoes merchants make out their losses last year, and how they attended the admiralty for convoy's, &c., having lost about 24 ships, and ordered them to attend again on Fryday.

The 2d instant the sessions for London and Middlesex began at the Old Baily, and held the 4th and 5th, where several criminalls were tryed, of which 7 received sentence of death, 17 were burnt in the hand, 1 ordered to be whipt, 3 into his majesties service, and 5 to be transported, and a woman fined, and to be sett in the pillory for counterfeiting and forging seamens tickets and letters of attorney to receive their wages.

Thursday, 12 *Dec.*—Yesterday the fast was strictly kept here; and this day both houses ordered thanks to their preachers.

The house of lords heard the East India merchants make out their complaints against the Scotch East India company; the earl of Rochester and others made learned speeches in favour of our company; and their lordships ordered an addresse to the king to take care of them, and to represent to him the prejudice the Scotch East India company doe them.

The commons went upon the further consideration of the coin, and ordered a committee to draw up an addresse to his majestie to desire him to issue out his proclamation according to the resolutions of that house, and therein to name a time or times how long clipt money shall be passable.

They likewise ordered a bill to be brought in to regulate the coin.

The house also went into a committee upon the bill for regulating tryalls in cases of treason; and went thro' the same, and ordered it to commence in March next, and to be reported to the house on Saturday.

After which they were in a committee upon the state of trade, and resolved that a counsel of trade be established by act of parliament, with power for the more effectual preservation of the trade of this kingdom, which are to sitt from time to

time; and a motion was made for their names to be inserted in the bill, but the debate was adjourned.

One captain Crosse is made commander of the Dover frigat by the lords of the admiralty, and he is goeing out a cruising.

Mr. Bear, lately brought out of the west, and committed to Newgate for high treason, is to be sent down to Exeter to be tryed there the next assizes.

Saturday, 14 *Dec.*—Yesterday the commons were in a committee of the whole house upon the estimate of the army, which admitted of a long debate, whither they should agree with the number of the men given in by the king, being 87,440, and at length came to the question, yeas 243, noes 135; after which, the moneys being about 2 millions and seven hundred thousand pounds for maintaining the men, &c., it was carried without dividing.

The commissioners of accounts have brought in an account of the deficiency's of the last years funds and other debts of the nation, amounting to some millions.

The lord Ossulston being at age took his seat in the house of peers.

The lords read and approved the addresse to his majestie in favour of the East India company, and to represent the inconveniencies of setting up a Scotch East India company to trade 21 years custome free; and to desire that his majesties subjects may withdraw their effects out of it, or goe and reside in Scotland.

The merchants of London were also again heard as to their losses at sea, and delivered in writing what they had to say against the admiralty, and what ships were lost for want of convoys; upon which the lords appointed a committee to consider their papers, in order to find out who in the admiralty were in fault, and to draw up an abstract thereof.

This day the lords were again upon the merchants losses, and ordered the commissioners of the admiralty to answer their not appointing convoys when desired, and cruisers according to act of parliament.

Sir Thomas Littleton reported the resolutions of the committee of the whole house as to the land forces, and the house agreed theretoo.

The report touching the double return for Mitchell was made this day, and the house agreed therewith that Mr. Rowe is not duly returned.

The bills against hawkers and pedlars, and exporting wool into foreign parts, and incouraging it's exportation from Ireland, were read, and ordered a 2d reading.

A silver cystern, worth above 700*l.*, belonging to the princesse of Denmark, is stole from Berkley house.

Last night one Mr. Mansell, being somewhat melancholly, having had considerable losses, threw himself out of a window 3 story high in the Temple, of which fall he soon dyed.

Yesterday three men were executed at Tyburn, one for clipping, and two for robbery.

Tuesday, 17 *Dec.*—The commons yesterday, in a committee of the whole house, voted a fund of 1,200,000*l.* to be setled to make good the deficiency of the clipt money coined in the lawful mints.

This day they read the bill for settling the standard of the coin the first time.

The East India company presented their petition to the house, setting forth their losses, prayeing to be establish'd by act of parliament.

The commons, in a committee of the whole house upon the state of the nation, this day resolved, That the East India trade be setled and regulated by act of parliament; and appointed a committee to examine what methods were taken for obtaining the act of parliament pass'd in Scotland for establishing an East India company, and who were the subscribers theretoo, and the advisers and promoters thereof.

The lords sent a message to the commons, that the king had appointed both houses to attend him with their addresse at 3 this afternoon about the Scotch East India company, and accordingly both houses went to Kensington.

A patent is pass'd the seales constituting a council or committee of trade, wherein the lord keeper, the two secretaries, duke of Leeds, earl of Stamford, &c., are inserted as commissioners, and Mr. Poplar, a French merchant, is made their secretary, and they are to sitt at convenient times to regulate the trade of the nation.

The earl of Derby's steward in the countrey is committed to

goale for carrying off a great summ of money, and setting fire to his lordships house, but it was happily extinguished.

The silver cistern lately stoln from the princesse of Denmark is found out, and the theif sent to Newgate.

Dr. Oates is ordered to be prosecuted in the spiritual court for striking Mr. Green, chaplain to the archbishop of Canterbury.

Sunday night dyed Mr. Hambden, late chancellor of the exchequer, at his house in Buckinghamshire.

The lord keeper has committed sir Thomas Row to the fleet for undue practices in the chancery.

Thursday, 19 *Dec.*—Yesterday the house, in a committee upon wayes and means, considered the duty of low wines, which being near expireing, they resolved that the same be continued; and that a longer time be given to fill up the annuities not compleated by the last act for that purpose.

This day the house were in a committee upon a fund for making good the clipt money, and resolved, that all houses, except cottages, pay 2*s.* per ann.; that all houses of ten windowes and upwards pay 6*s.* over and above the 2*s.*; and those of 20 windows to pay 8*s.* per ann. besides the 2*s.*: and they goe upon it again on Monday.

And the house are to be upon the state of the nation to morrow.

The bill against hawkers and pedlars was read a 2d time, and committed.

The bill to prevent false and double returns of members to parliament past the house, and was sent up to the lords.

Mr. Hemmings has presented his project for raising 8 millions; that each housekeeper pay 2*d.* per week for each featherbed in his house.

Sir Rowland Gwynn is chose member for Beeralston.

An expresse is sent to Scotland to discharge the lord Brodalbyn out of Edingburgh castle.

A proclamation is expected out within a day or two for appointing a time after which no clipt money shall passe except to the king in his taxes, &c.

The commissioners for the committee of trade are, the earls of Bridgwater and Stamford, Mr. Blathwayt, sir Phillip Meadows, Mr. Pollexfen, Dr. Lock, and Mr. Clark of the custome

house; others also are named, but not to act except in extraordinary exigencies, viz. the lord keeper, lord president, lord privy seal, lord treasurer, or first commissioner of the treasury, the admiral, or 1st commissioner of the admiralty, and the two secretaries of state.

Saturday, 21 *Decemb.*—The commons, in a committee of the whole house, yesterday went thro' part of the bill for regulating the coin, and agreed to leave out the words *lawful mints*, and instead thereof to putt in *good sterling*, which shall be received into the exchequer tho not coined at the Tower.

This day they were again in a committee upon the said bill, and went thro the same, and ordered that all broad money shall be mark'd, and then to passe; but if the mark be clipt off, then not to be currant.

That there be 4 mints in the countrey for the coining of money, besides those in the Tower, which, 'tis said, will be at York, Bristoll, Exeter, and Shrewsbury; and that the essay masters are to try all moneys upon oath, and the king to change that which is false stamp'd if sterling.

They ordered a clause to hinder the exportation of all money; and several other clauses are to be brought in upon Monday, when they proceed upon it again.

The officers of the Mint were yesterday with the lords of the treasury, and have orders to begin forthwith to coin the money; 'tis said they will coin 40,000*l.* per week.

The lords have read the bill to prevent double returns; as also the treason bill a second time; and agreed to bringing in a bill for establishing an East India and an African company.

Colonel Beaumont has resigned his regiment, and his majestie has given it to collonel Webb of the guards.

Admiral Aylmer is chosen member for Portsmouth.

Yesterday came out his majesties proclamation for cryeing down clipt money; viz. that clipt crowns and halfcrowns shal not passe after 1 January next to any but the collectors and receivers of his revenue and taxes; and after such a day not in London or 40 miles distance; and after such a day not to passe at all; and that shillings clipt within the ring shall not passe after another day but to collectors and receivers; and after another day not to passe at all; and all other clipt money

within the ring not to passe after another day but to receivers and collectors, &c.; and after another day not at all.

Tuesday, 24 *Dec.*—The house of lords were yesterday in a committee upon the treason bill, and added a clause theretoo that all peers be summoned upon the tryal of a peer, and every one to give a vote if they take the oaths; they divided upon adding the clause, yeas 50, noes 33: whereupon a conference will be had with the commons.

The commons yesterday, in a committee of the whole house, agreed that the coin may be exported for the army, but not bullion.

And this day the bill was reported, agreed to, and ordered to be engrost against Fryday, to which day both houses adjourned.

This day the commons ordered a committee to sitt this afternoon to consider of a petition of 200 seamen, who have received their pay in clipt half crowns, which they cannot gett to passe, in order to their releif.

The shipwrights of the kings yards at Greenwich, Woolwich, &c. also petitioned the house, that on Fryday last they were paid in half crowns, most of them counterfeit; which petition was also referred to the same committee.

The regiments of the marquesse of Puissars, collonel Brudenel, and one other of foot, are ordered to embark for Flanders.

The committee of elections last night heard the petition of sir George Meggot for Southwark against Mr. Bowyer and Mr. Cox, and dismissed the same as litigious and frivolous.

The lords of the admiralty had this day an account that the Burlington, a man of war, had taken and brought in a Suedish man of war of 50 guns for refusing to strike sail.

The lord George Hamilton is made earl of Glasco.

The king has ordered 1000*l.* per ann. to each of the committee of trade.

Last night we had a foreign mail, which sayes, that the pope has made a promotion of 12 cardinalls, of which are the imperial, Spanish, and French nuncio's, with the father of the queen of Poland.

Yesterday the king took a view of 11 regiments of foot in Hide Park.

Dr. Patrick of the Charterhouse is dead.

Thursday, 26 *Decemb.*—Captain Totterell of the Tyger is ordered to be tryed by a court martial for not bearing up to a French man of war that took the Betty frigat between England and Ireland.

The Caermarthen gally, captain Jones commander, is taken, and carried into Thoulon.

We have this day advice that the Sarah, an East India permission ship, is arrived in Ireland from China.

The king of Spain has resolved to send an ambassador to Rome to procure the popes bull to raise a tax on his clergy to carry on the warr.

Sir Joseph Williamson, lady Obryan, Mr. Francis Roberts, and other persons of note, feared to be lost, are arrived at Chester from Dublin.

The duke of Bolton's regiment is marched for the west to keep guard at Scilly, Pendennis, Plymouth, &c.

Ten English and Dutch men of war are goeing for Cadiz to encrease sir George Rook to 54 stout men of warr; and another squadron, with victuallers, &c., will be ready to sail about 6 weeks or 2 months hence again.

Twelve new dies will be finish'd in 3 or 4 dayes for coyneing mill'd money at the Tower.

The committee appointed last Tuesday by the house of commons have promised to change the halfcrowns paid to the shipwrights, &c.

Wrote from Edingburgh, that the general assembly of the kirk mett the 17th, but there being no body appointed to represent the kings person, they adjourned till Fryday following; and that 3000 men are to be embarqu'd there by new years day, in order to be transported to Flanders.

Sir John Bond is arrived from France, and sayes, that most of the late king James's servants are coming for England.

His majestie has now on the English establishment 121 batallions of foot, allowing 600 to a batallion.

Saturday, 28 *Decemb.*—Yesterday the lords read the coinage bill the 1st time; the earl of Rochester and lord Godolphin spoke against several parts of it; and so they adjourned till Monday.

This day the commons, in a committee of the whole house,

went thro the bill for purchacing the annuities and continueing the duties on low wines, and ordered it to be reported on Monday.

Afterwards they went into a committee upon wayes and means, and voted 4*s.* in the pound upon land for one year.

A proclamation came out this day promising a reward of 3 months pay to all able seamen that will enter themselves on board any of his majesties men of war, and one month for landmen before the 20th of February, to be paid before the 1st of May.

Wrote from Turin, that the lord Gallway had obtained leave to raise for the king of England 3000 men in Switzerland.

The lord Melvill is to be chancellor of Scotland in room of the marquesse of Tweedale; the lord Rosse and viscount Tarbet secretaries of state in place of Mr. Johnston and viscount Staires, who, 'tis said, promoted setting up the Scotch East India company.

On new years day the king and court goe into second mourning.

The Swedish captain mentioned in my last is ordered to be brought up hither, his majestie being desirous to hear the particulars himself.

Tuesday, 31 *Decemb.*—The lord Preston, sir Anthony Keck, and Roger Gillingham, treasurer of the Temple, are lately dead.

The committee of elections satt till about two this morning, hearing that of East Greenstead, and upon the division it was carried for sir Thomas Dyke and Mr. Conyers (the two sitting members) against the lord Orrery and Mr. Spencer Compton by about 60 votes.

This day the committee of the whole house made their report about the fund for the coin to make good the deficiency, viz. 2*s.* to be laid on all houses, except cottages; all houses that have 10 windows to pay 6*s.*, and those of 20 and upwards 10*s.*, to be paid by the inhabitant, and to continue for 7 years: to which the house agreed.

This day the house were in a committee upon wayes and means, and resolved that the expireing duties upon East India commodities &c. be continued for 5 years for raising 1,500,000*l.*

And they goe upon the coin to morrow.

The lords have added a clause to the coinage bill, that commissioners be appointed to receive all clipt money, and to weigh it, and to give a bill for what it shall want in weight, and to cutt in peices all the bad money.

A melting house is preparing in the exchequer garden to melt down all clipt money into bars, in order to be new coined.

One Mr. Warmaky, a German, who has resided here for several years, is taken into custody of a messenger, and his papers seized, for holding correspondence with France.

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Thursday, 6 *Jan.*—This day the bill for the 4*s*. in the pound was presented, and read the first time.

A petition of the collectors of the kings tax in London was presented to the house, complaining that sir Leonard Robinson, the present chamberlain, refuses to take good clipt money; which petition was referred to the committee appointed to consider of those of the shiprights and seamen.

The commons designed to have been on the coynage this day, but being willing to know what the lords will doe with their bill, went into a grand committee, upon setling a committee or council of trade, which admitted a very great debate, the court party opposing it, as a matter that would very much break in upon the kings prerogative: another thing was, who should nominate the commissioners, and with what power they shall be invested: and after divided whither the king or parliament should nominate the committee of trade: for the first 174, and for the latter 175.

The lords have been all this day and are still sitting upon the coynage bill, and have made several amendments theretoo; so that it is in a manner a new bill.

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